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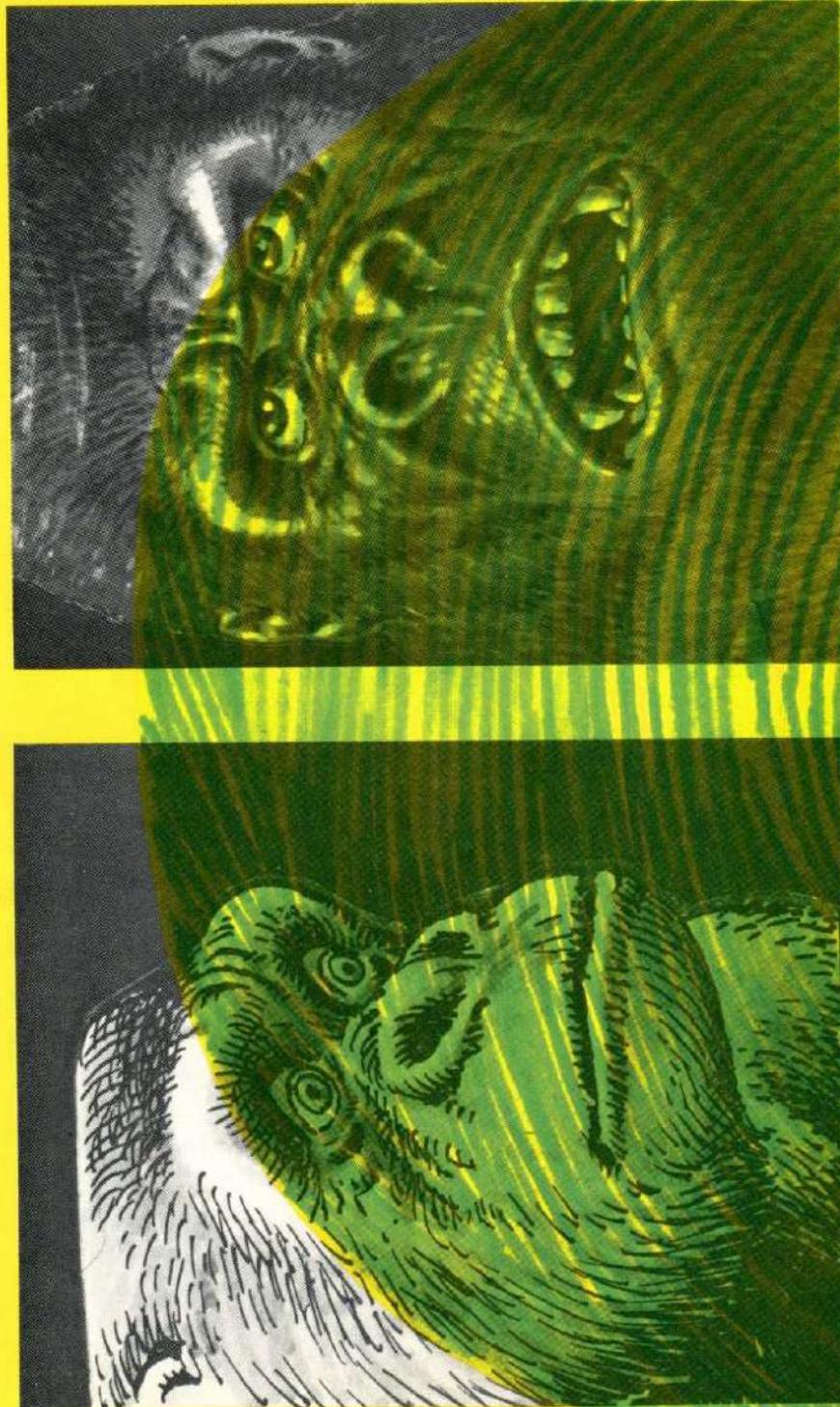
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WHAT'S UP FRONT OUR COVER

That's it fellas, fix the ole boy up! Sylvester Smythe was gonna be on this cover, but Kong was teasin' him during cover rehearsals, so Sylvester put the bite on his hand. Our little lost planet janitor should be re-entering the earth gravitational pull in about 342 more revolutions. We'll keep you posted.



LETTUCE from our Readers



ADDRESS ALL LETTERS TO CRACKED LETTUCE, 235 PARK AVENUE SOUTH, N.Y., N.Y. 10003

DEAR CRACKED,

How many different languages does your editorial staff speak fluently?

Vincent Lopez
Ceder City, Utah

Dear Vincent,
Counting English—None!

DEAR CRACKED,

I like your annuals a lot and especially loved SUPER CRACKED # 10.

Sarah Lee
Globe, Arizona

Dear Sarah,
And, we love your cakes!



DEAR CRACKED,

Is Sylvester a Scorpio or a Libra?

Duane Dobson
Gary, Indiana

Dear Duane,
Neither—he's a janitor!

DEAR CRACKED,

How come your SUPER CRACKEDS cost \$1.00?

Lennie Shapiro
Bronx, N.Y.

Dear Lennie,
Because we haven't the nerve to ask \$1.75!

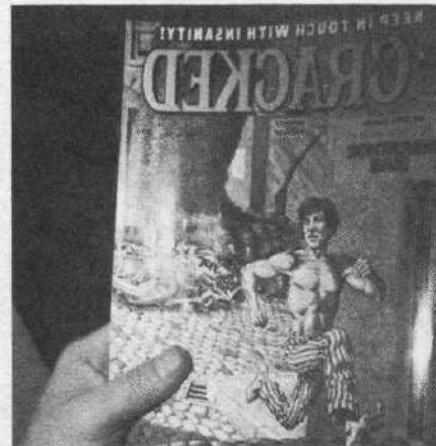
DEAR CRACKED,

A bunch of us were sitting around the barracks laughing at CRACKED. It was after "lights out" and we got into trouble for having a light on. We think it's your fault.

Pvt. Marvin James

Dear Marv,

Sorry! We've just given ourselves a week of K.P.



DEAR CRACKED,

You said that you'd never print a letter from me and you did. (Issue #140) How Come?

Amos Suoboda
Mission, Texas

Dear Amos,

We made a mistake. Believe us, it'll never happen again. (Printer: Don't print this letter—Editor.)



DEAR CRACKED,

The other day I went to the dentist. The only thing in his waiting room was a copy of CRACKED. I read it until I was called. You know it was a relief to get my teeth drilled.

Steve Adler
Newark, N.J.

(Printer: Don't print this one, either)



DEAR CRACKED,

I just made a discovery. When I read your magazine backwards, it's funnier than when I read it forward.

Jack Quinlan
Andover, Mass.

Dear Jack,
We have a lot of backward readers.



DEAR CRACKED,

What's all the fuss about King Kong? If he wasn't so big no one would pay any attention to him.

"Shorty" Lefkowitz
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Dear "Shorty",

If you weren't from Brooklyn no one would pay any attention to you.



Each week, television presents us with numerous comedies that all try to tickle our Funny Bone. Well, one show that keeps winning large audiences week after week is that program dealing with one of the funnier topics in recent memory—the Korean War! How can a show about war be funny? Well, that depends on your frame of mind. To some, this show is caviar, but to us it's nothing but a plate of

M.U.S.H.

CRACKED is keeping its taste for words because you know they're good.

And, as millions of clocks tick their way towards 9:00 in the East, a handful of would-be doctors slowly begin preparing themselves for another major battle.

The battle for Korea?

No, the battle for the #1 position in the Nielsens!

Ready on the set.

Dinner!
Yuk!

I take it you
don't like
Army food,
Eagleye.

That's not
fair, Blue Jay.

Saying that
you don't
like the
cuisine here?

No, calling the
mistakes of that
maniac in the
kitchen, FOOD!

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MESS TENT

WHERE'S THE MESS?

I'll have my steak
medium rare!

They're not making
steak like they used to!

And these potatoes! They're
always boiled! I wish for
once they were mashed!

THERE ARE
NO WINNERS
IN RUGBY
ONLY
SURVIVORS

POP

KRA
SH!

Now that's what
I call service!
Ahhh! Moan!
Groan!

What happened?

That tank ran over my
potatoes which,
unfortunately, were
attached to my two arms.

He's been such a
good doctor and this
is the tanks he gets.

Eagleye, I'm sorry! I've been taking tank
driving lessons and I lost control of the
steering. The wheel must have had a loose
nut!

Isn't this the way
we lost Trapper John
and our first
commanding
officer?

Is there anything I can do?

You can get me a doctor.

But I'm a doctor.

True!—but I'd like one
who specializes in
medicine!

And I'm looking at it!

There! You're all bandaged up!
In about 6 weeks your arms
should be as good as new.

Boy, it's a good thing it
wasn't your mouth that
was hurt.

Instead, you can just continue with your weekly
habit of making fun of dumb things like your
bandages . . .

. . . the
war . . .

. . . and your own personal favorite—

Well, if you weren't able to deliver 30 minutes
worth of one-liners, our writers would have to
come up with a plot for a change.

True!

DONATE
BLOOD!!
PLAY
RUGBY!



Hi everyone.

Come to try
for his feet this
time, Franc?

Fellas, that's not fair!

Sonar, how's
Eagleye doing?

R.P.W.
SPELLED
BACKWARDS
IS WAR!

O.K., Col. Potted—
except he keeps
complaining about
the bandages on
his hands.

That they're preventing
him from operating on
the wounded?

I know why you did this! You figured that
with TWO broken arms, I'd finally become
as good a doctor as you are now!

That they're
preventing him from
operating on the
nurses!

Sir, can I ask a personal question about
that horse of yours that you had flown in
from the states?

Sure, Sonar—Shoot!

That's not
what I meant!

BLAM!

Blue Jay, I give up!
There's just some
things you can't do
in my condition!

Bandages do make
it difficult to play
the guitar!

I don't understand!
You couldn't play
without the
bandages either!

CHOPPERS!
CHOPPERS!

I have a feeling more
wounded are being
brought in.

Eagleye, you shouldn't be in here! You can't operate—
Why you can't even hold a scalpel!

That's never stopped Franc!

Captain Pierce!

BOOM!
BANG!
That's all right—but I'm warning you. If you follow that snap up with a crackle and a pop, I'm gonna' pour milk over your head and have you for breakfast!

That last one-liner earned you an 18, sir!

Darn! I can't seem to find my rubber gloves.

You probably sewed them into your last patient.

It's sort of like the time you misplaced your cigarette lighter. You couldn't remember where you left that either—until one of your patients kept complaining about heartBURN!

Captain Pierce, you're upsetting Major Burnz by being here.

So, by being here, Major Burnz is upsetting the patients—but is he leaving?

YA FERGOT TH' PATIENT!

A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE HALFA MIND TO WRITE A BOOK... UNFORTUNATELY DO!

BE KIND TO ANIMALS!!! HUG A RUGGER!

BOOM!

Please! Go!

BAM!

Very well, Nagret—if that's the way you want it—farewell! I'll just go outside and make fun of one of the other 15 regulars we have!

There must be something I can do with these two mini-mummies!

Clinger, how'd you like your girdle set on . . .

You're not very HANDY, are you?

PASS OUT

BIG TIME OPERATORS ONLY

... FIRE!!

That's what I was thinking.

No! THE TENT NEXT TO COL. POTTED'S IS ON FIRE!!— You go wake the Colonel, while I put it out.

COL. POTTED!! WAKE UP!

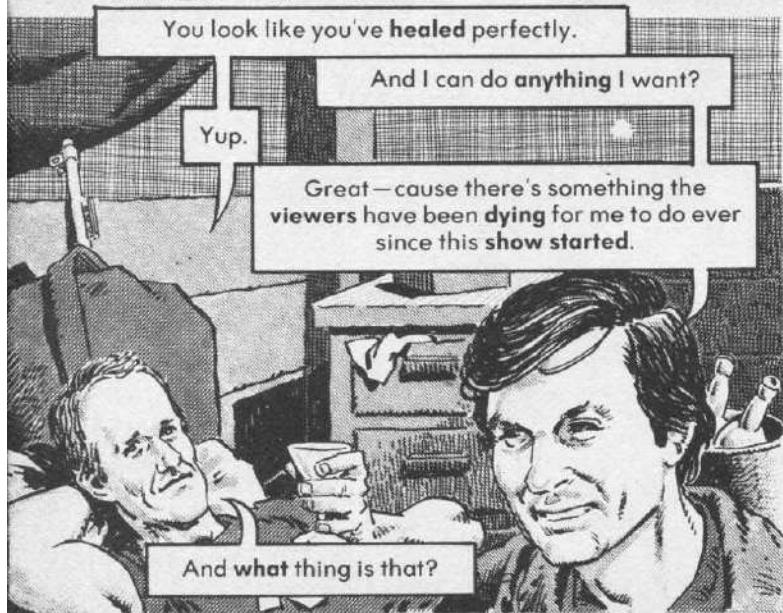
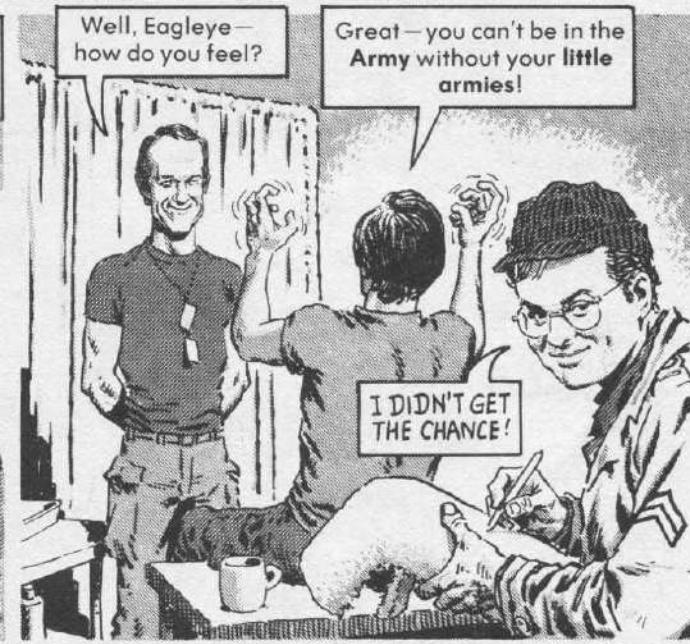
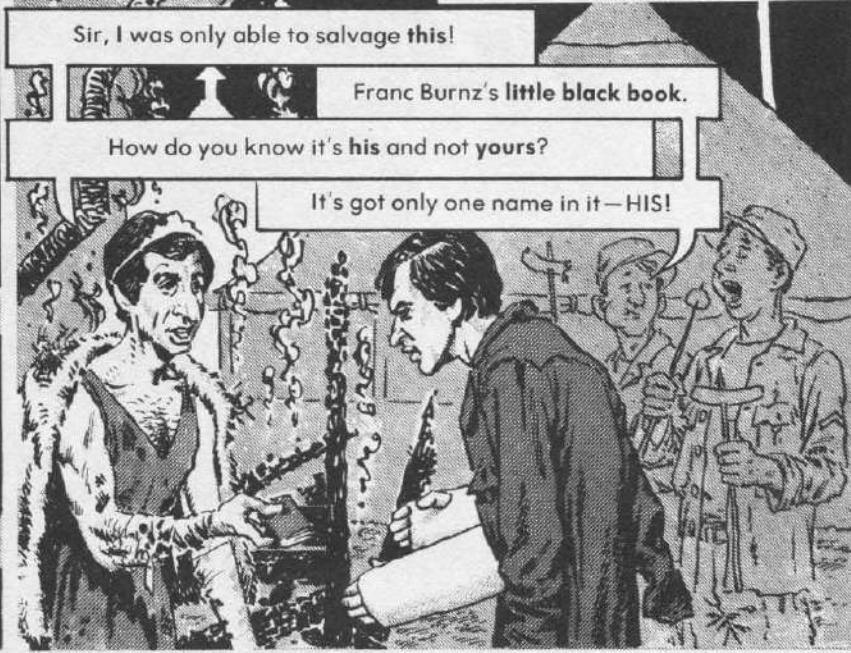
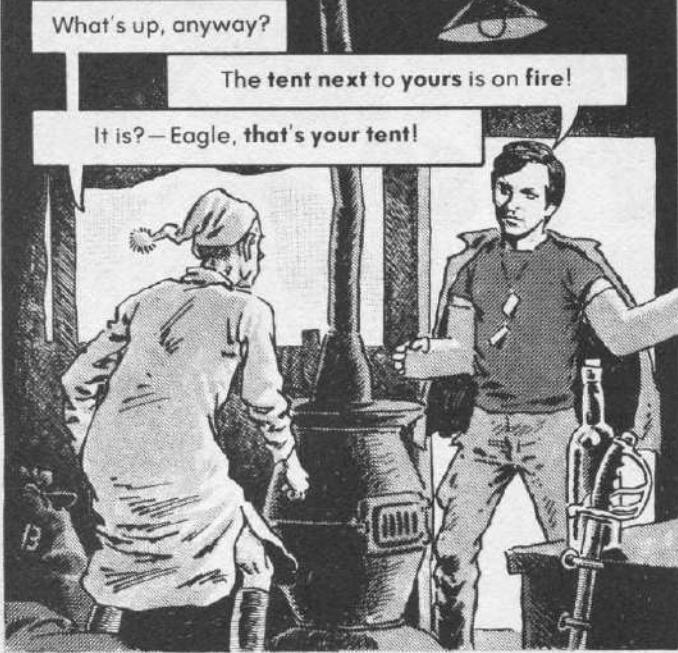
THE BEST TIME TO TACKLE A SMALL PROBLEM IS BEFORE HE GROWS UP!

COL. POTTED! . . . you even sleep in the same room with that horse!

What's wrong with that!— I used to sleep in the same room with my wife and she looked a lot worse!

But Sir? To have him there the entire evening!!

Why not! Haven't you ever heard of a night mare?



Over the years, America has produced many fads like the hula hoop, the pet rock and the invisible plate of linguini. But one, that started out as a fad has now grown into a full-fledged sport. It's so popular in fact, that last week alone we spotted at least 3,000 people playing it at one time (and that was just in the sporting goods store selling the item). What is this fad turned pastime? You'll soon find out in this next how-to piece entitled

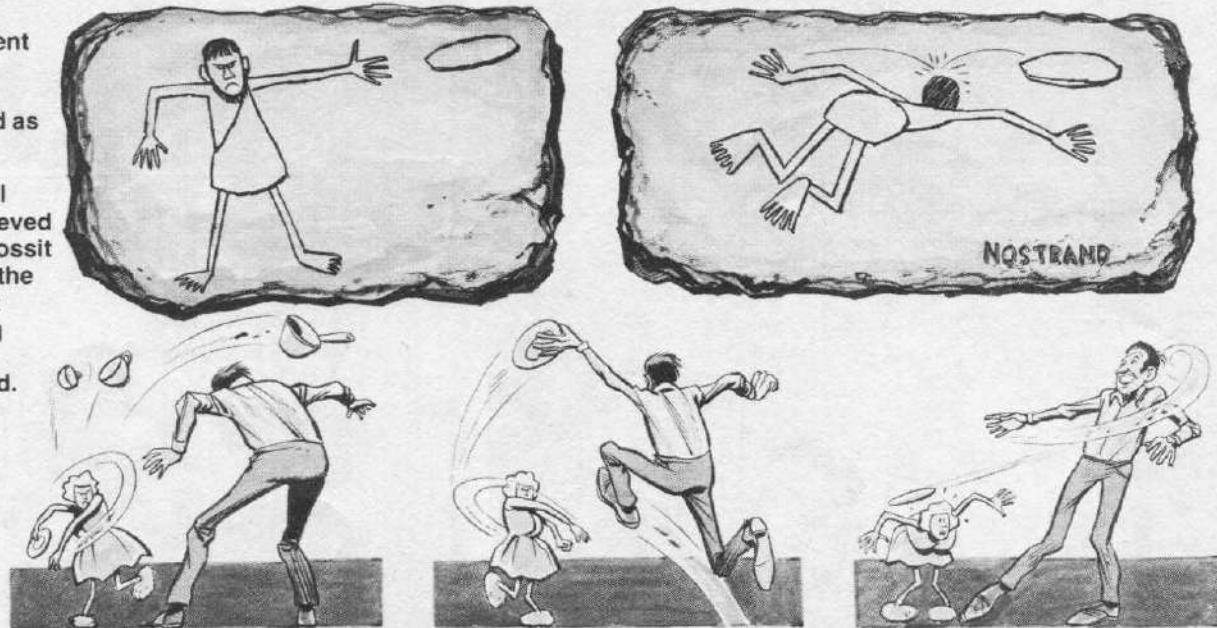
THE CRACKED GUIDE TO FRIZBEE

Believe it or not, anthropologists have found ancient cave drawings indicating that it may have started as early as 250 B.C.

However, the real originator is believed to be Mrs. H.E. Tossit who discovered the device one night while discussing marital matters with her husband.

The man toyed with the saucer idea, made it out of plastic and then marketed it into one of the biggest games around today.

I. HISTORY: Where and when did the frizbee originate? Good question.



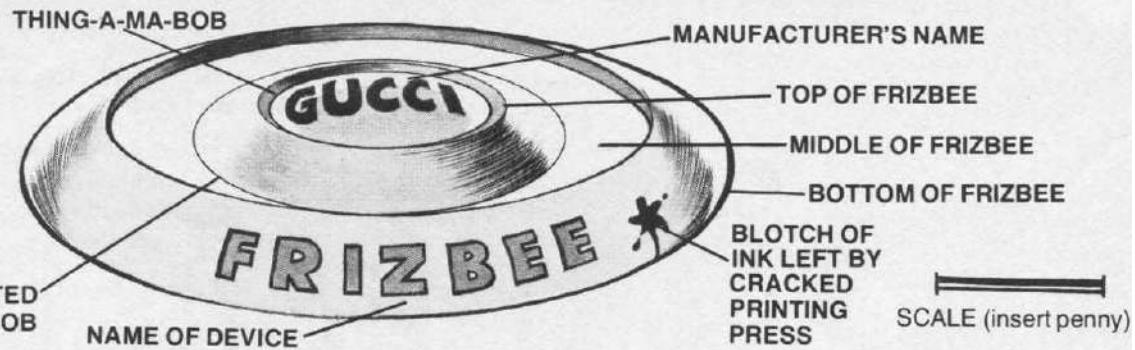
The notebooks of Leonardo da Vinci also contain hints that the great artist might have been toying with a frizbee of sorts.

I Takea you hatta offa you head
II Holdem inna you hand
III Givema tossa

IV ...oopsa

Leonny Da Vinci

II. EQUIPMENT: To play frizbee, there is one important piece of equipment you must have—a frizbee! Below is a detailed diagram with all the essential parts labeled.



Also essential is the space to throw the plastic disk in.

And these other helpful products.

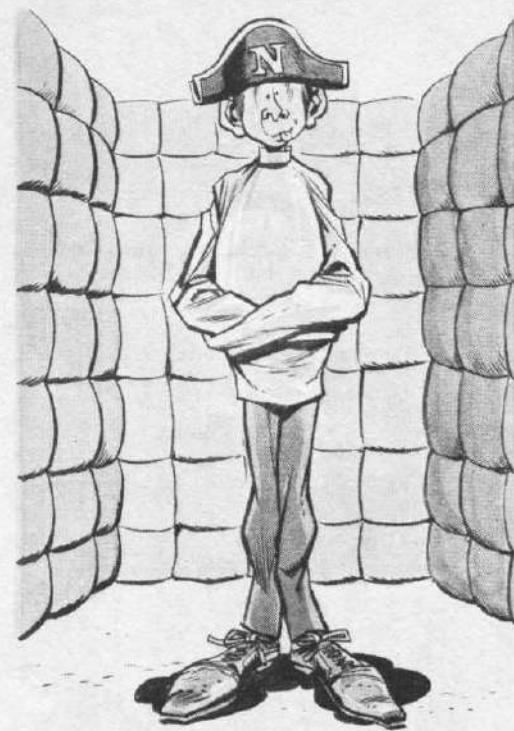
And, should you buy all the equipment in the last panel, you might also wish to purchase this special uniform.



III. CLOTHING: As with any sport, frizbee too is best played in certain kinds of clothing.



Since everything is in the arm, loose clothing is a must. But not too loose.



Certain types of jackets can also hamper your throw.



For winter play, gloves can be worn to keep the hands warm—but beware of problems.

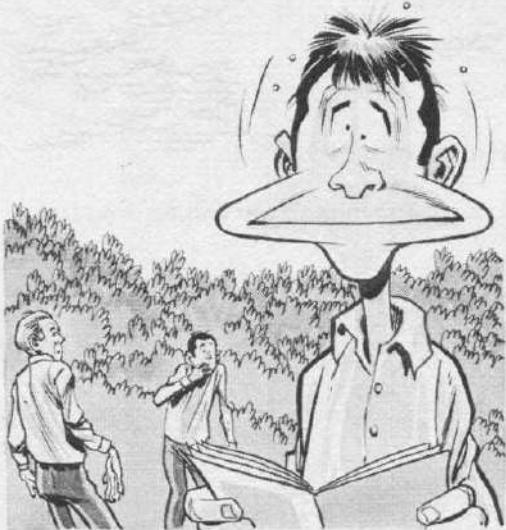
IV. THE GRIP: Now let us look at the proper way to toss a frizbee.

And for those with poor vision, glasses should be worn at all times to insure an accurate catch.



* AUTHENTIC CALL
OF DOWNTY CRESTED
SOCIAL GOOSE
IN DISTRESS.

Most people start out by trying to throw the frizbee like a baseball, thereby sending it off target.



The proper grip is to grab it on its side and flip it backhanded.



But first, make sure nothing is in front of you.

V. PLAYING: All right, you can throw a frizbee. Now, you are ready to try some of the traditional games.

There is frizbee catch on a nice open beach . . .



Some enjoy playing frizbee with their dogs.



. . . frizbee catch on a city street . . .



As well as a friendly game of "keep away".



* TRANSLATION: EYAH!

. . . and the suburban frizbee run.

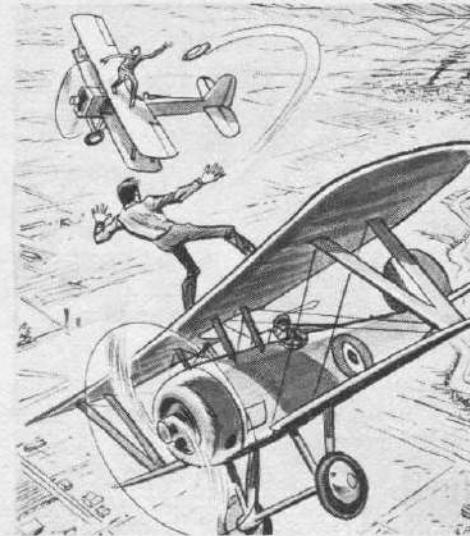


And when you get good, you'll want to try this form of frizbee.



As well as the ultimate challenge for those with great control.

And one day, you'll even be able to combine it with other sports.

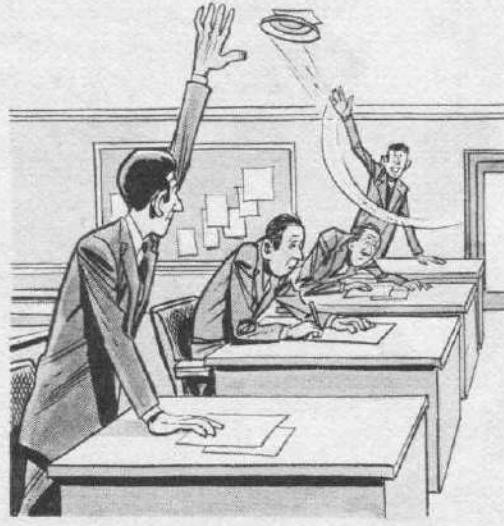


VI. OTHER USES: But besides play, the frizbee has caught on because it has many other uses as well.

Some employ their frizbee for pruning shrubbery.



While others use it as a means of sending inter-office memos.

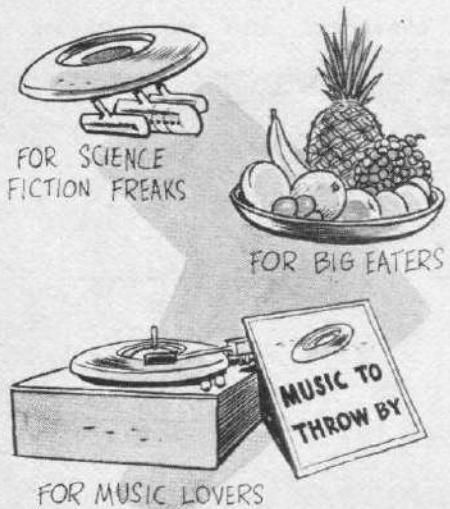


Some even use it to earn extra income.

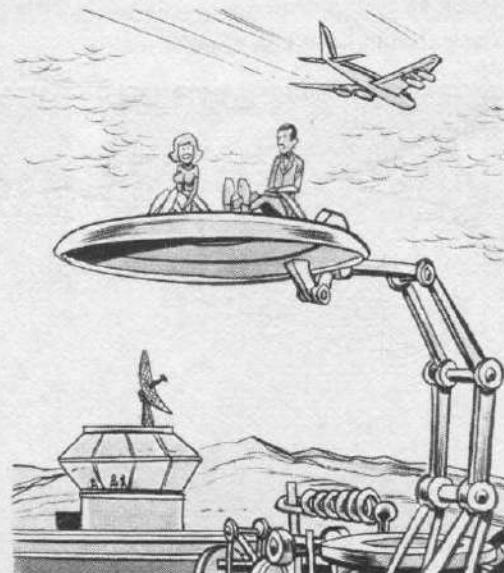


VII. NEW TYPES OF FRIZBEES: Before, we showed you the basic frizbee, however, now that the sport is so big, companies are starting to experiment with different types of models to capture greater markets.

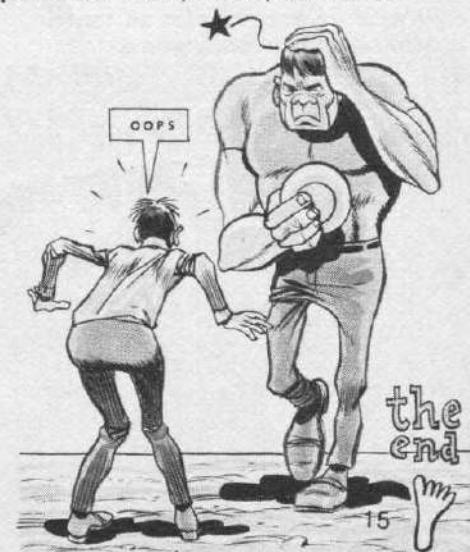
Some are designing more personalized ones . . .



... while others are working on a deluxe experimentation model for people who like to travel.



VIII. CONCLUSION: So as you can see, that fad the frizbee has really grown into an inexpensive sport that is also quite safe—safe, that is, unless . . .



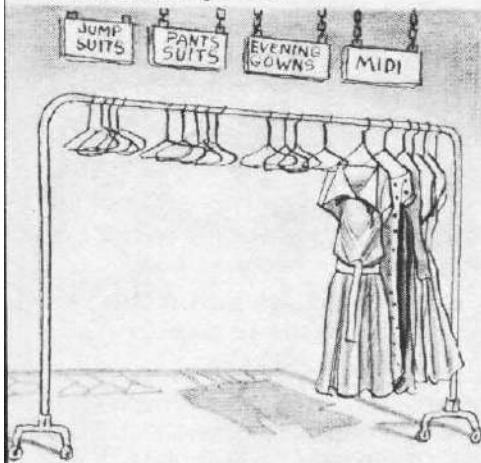
Time and time again, businesses of all kinds get stuck with unsold inventories. Sometimes the item is a fad that dies out and other times it's a product that becomes obsolete due to a new model or just plain scientific improvement. Well, the solution to this whole problem is not to throw the excess away and take the loss, but instead to use the products in another capacity. How? Glad you asked, because this next article just happens to be about

WHAT BUSINESSES CAN DO WITH LEFTOVER ITEMS

At the end of each model year, there are thousands of unsold autos that go begging.



What do you do with this fashion dud of the early '70's?



And what do you do with all those unsold puppies nobody wants?



The car companies could simply sell these autos to amusement parks for their rides.



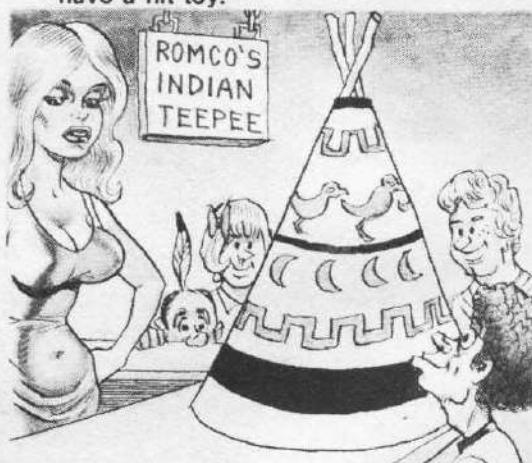
Sew some Indian designs on them...



They should be given special make-up...



...and, before you know it, you have a hit toy.



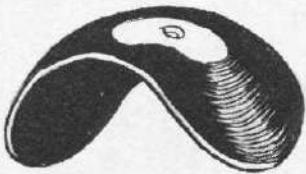
...and "converted" into those animals that are in great demand.



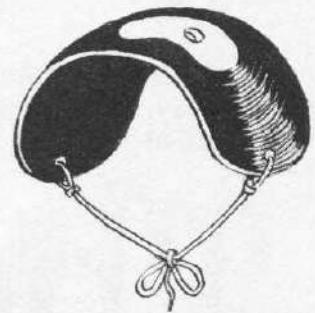


And not every record album issued can make it to the top of the charts as the jackets below reveal.

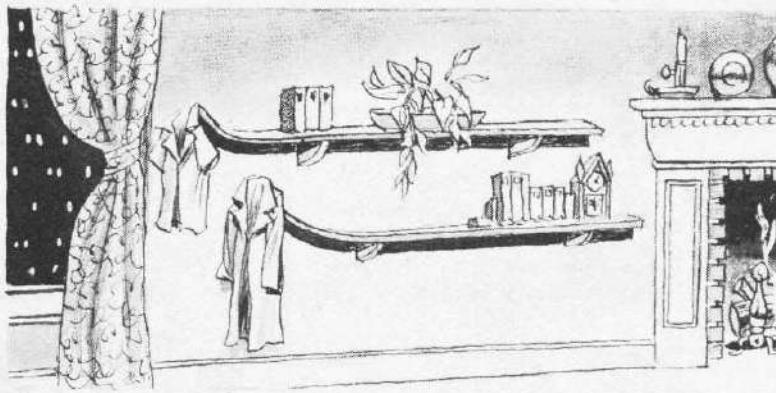
But if records were warped into a 'Y' shape ...



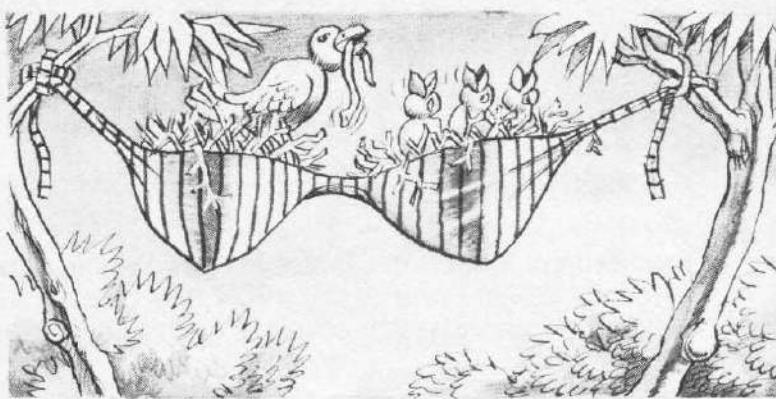
...and then had a hole drilled on either side and a ribbon strung through it ...



...the record companies could then make millions more, producing hats!



Ski manufacturers can convert their leftovers into combination bookshelves and hangers.



And unsold bikinis could be sold to wildlife preserves as nesting areas for birds.

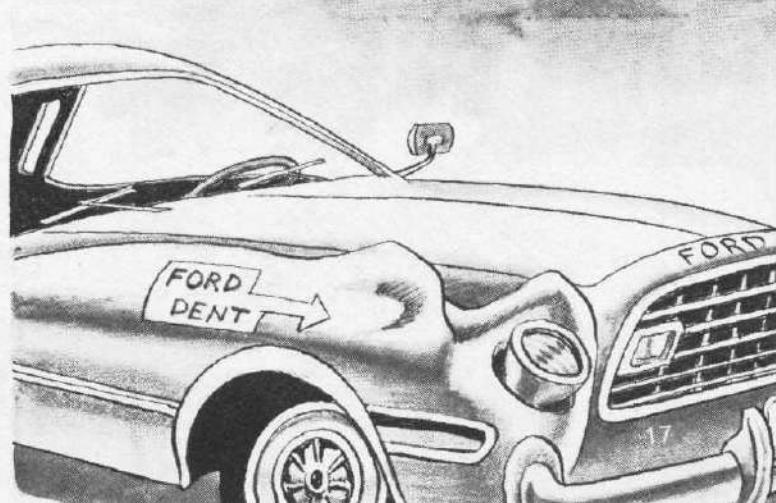
And what about this leftover campaign bumper sticker?

**JERRY FORD
FOR PRESIDENT**

You simply make the appropriate cuts as indicated by the dotted line below ...

**JERRY FORD
FOR PRESIDENT**

...and you're left with a new novelty bumper sticker.



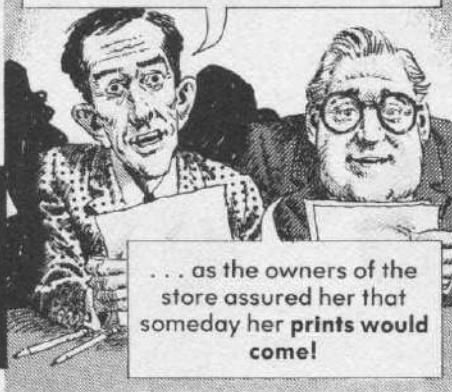
When TV news began, it all started with a single announcer.

And a veterinarian in San Diego has learned the reason humming birds hum—it's because they can't afford the sheet music containing the lyrics.



But later on, the one announcer split into two.

And star photographer Louise Shutterbug conducted a sit-in today at her local drug store demanding to know where her prize winning photographs were ...



And most recently, the two turned into one man and, for the first time, a woman.

... hoping all would work out. Barbara . . . ah, Barbara!

abc

Sorry, Harry. I just wanted to make sure that the whole million was here.



Yes, Barbara Walters has joined the ABC Evening News and the result—a sudden drop in the rating's of CBS's perennial Walter Cronkite and NBC's John Chancellor and David Brinkley. Now, of course, the networks could just sit back and see what develops (which they never do) or they could begin taking immediate steps for

Redoing The Evening News

At first, NBC would retaliate in a very simple way.

John, I feel silly in this dress and wig.

Quiet David.



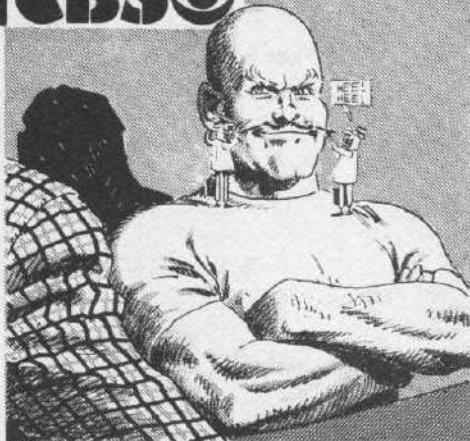
While over at CBS, Cronkite would begin reacting to the pairing of Reasoner with Walters and Chancellor with Brinkley.

I'm lonely—Anyone out there have an old dog they'd like to send me?



In response, CBS would probably team Walter up with someone as recognizable as Barbara Walters.

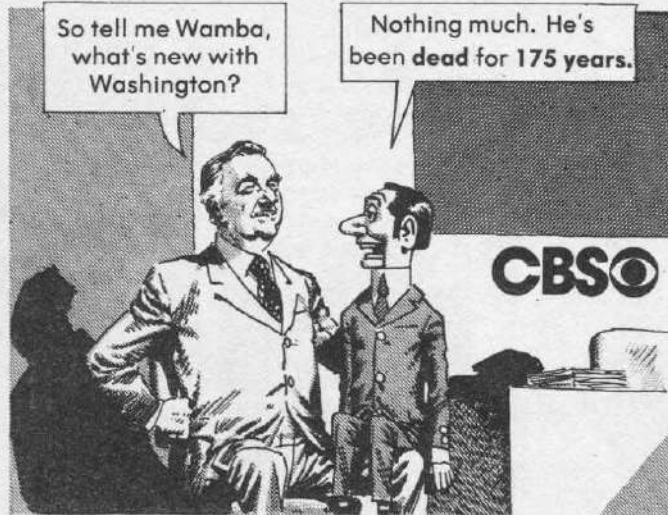
CBS



Of course, ABC would not take this lying down and they'd develop a more "socko" introduction for their anchor persons.



Back at CBS, Cronkite would be adding on a Washington correspondent unique for the evening news.



And CBS would begin having its correspondents present their news reports in more exciting ways.

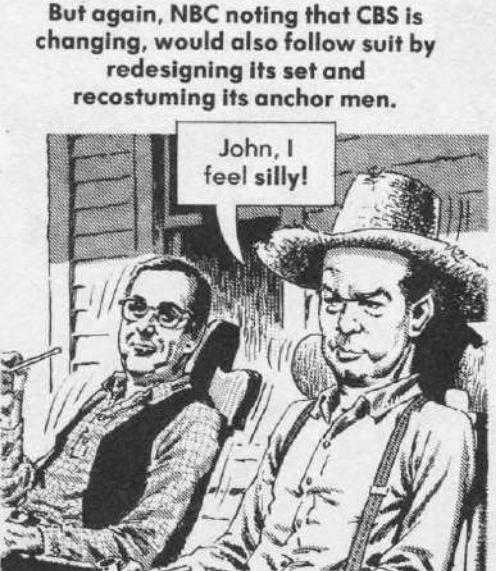
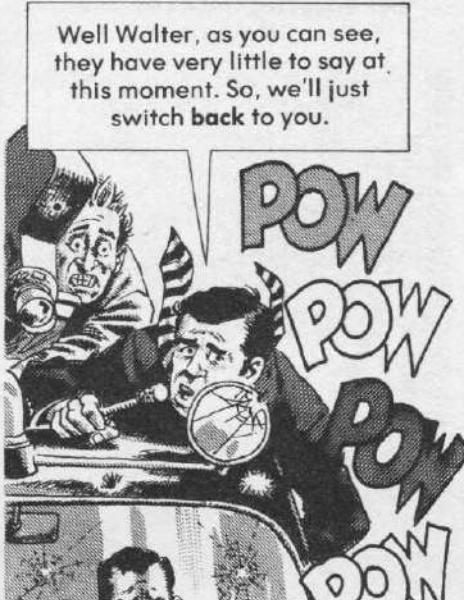
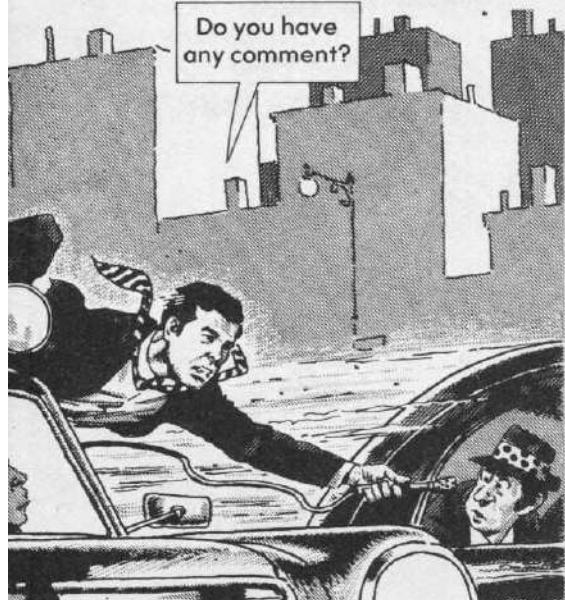
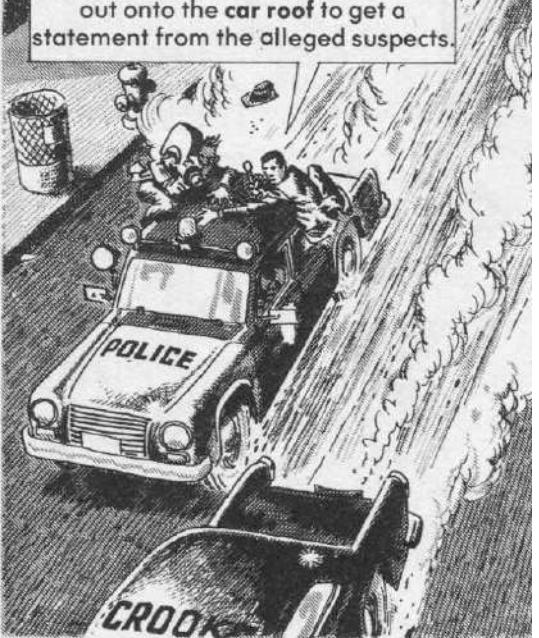
And for the latest on the million dollar jewel heist in New York, let's switch to Dan Rathernot.



Thanks, Walter. At the moment I'm in squad car 11, which is in hot pursuit of the jewel thieves.



Let me see, Walter, if I can crawl out onto the car roof to get a statement from the alleged suspects.



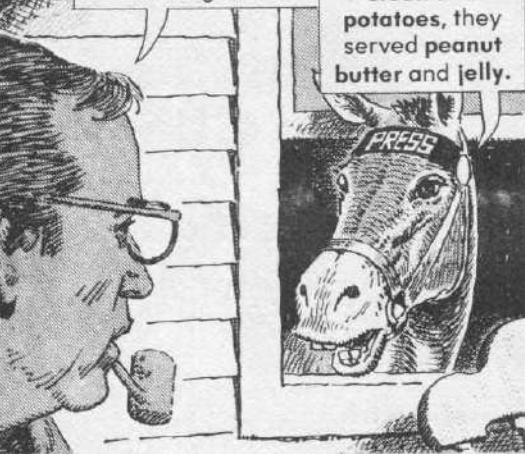
But again, NBC noting that CBS is changing, would also follow suit by redesigning its set and recostuming its anchor men.



And then hiring their own unique Washington correspondent.

So tell us, Mr. Ted, have things changed now that Mr. Carter is in Washington?

Well, John, at last night's state dinner, instead of steak and potatoes, they served peanut butter and jelly.



It was a very easy take over and our course is now due south towards Disney World—none of us here has ever been on the log flume ride.



In retaliation, ABC would then try to add more color to its own broadcast.

Before we get to the doings in Guam, here's Elton John to sing an editorial.

ABC NEWS



And, for the first time, a major network would begin to create some of its own news to help liven up a dull broadcast.

And this afternoon, NBC correspondent Carrot Utterly hijacked a 747 bound for Newark. Here's Carrot with a report on his crime.



Besides the 112 passengers, we also have . . . oops . . . I'll have to finish my report later, David. The movie's about to start.

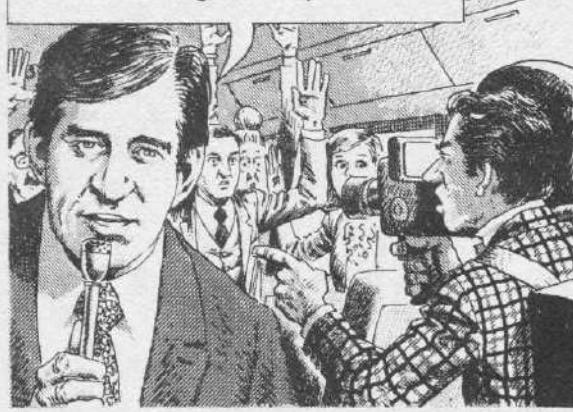


Now, of course, NBC wouldn't sit still for this leaving them no alternative but to replace Chancellor and Brinkley.

And now Barbra Streisand and Dustin Hoffman tell it like it is.



David, at the moment, the NBC film crew and I are holding 112 passengers at camera point demanding one million dollars in cash plus the return of Mr. T and Tina to the air in exchange for the plane.



CBS, seeing that Cronkite can't draw against this type of news, would then hire a whole new anchor team.

And now Paul Newman and Robert Redford with the news.



As a direct result of NBC's move, CBS would add additional members to the Newman/Redford team.

And what's happening in Upper Slovia today?

They're gonna fight! Fight! Fight!



The "star" news team on the other two networks would give ABC no choice but to introduce its own, however, like they always do, theirs would accent youth . . .

It's time for Arthur Fonzerelli and Vinnie Barbarino with the evening news.

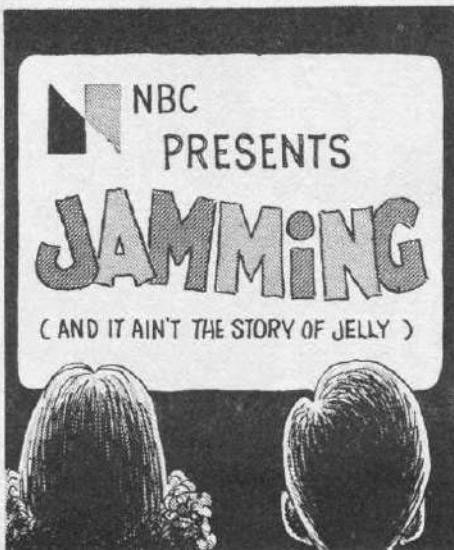
Aaaay!



And with the stars and jokes, something else would become a must.



And, after a few months, the other two networks would also follow suit soon changing the program's name.



And before this team began with the news, they'd deliver a short opening routine.

Tell me, Fonz. What's the latest in China?

I think it's matching cups and plates.



The real war would then begin. NBC would increase its news budget and hire guest correspondents . . .

And now Rudolph Nureyev will dance the latest developments in the Middle East.



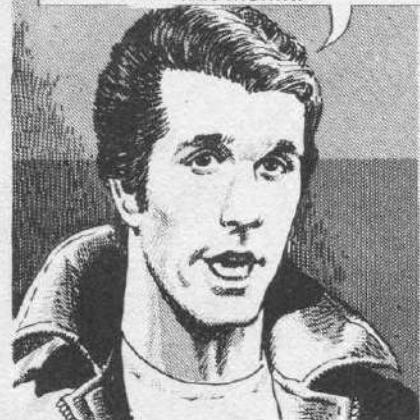
But after a few years of this, something else would be inevitable.



Of course, Fonzie would also accent different types of stories.

And now some news for all of you motorcycles out there.

The hi-Top Corporation is introducing a sterling silver dip-stick this month.



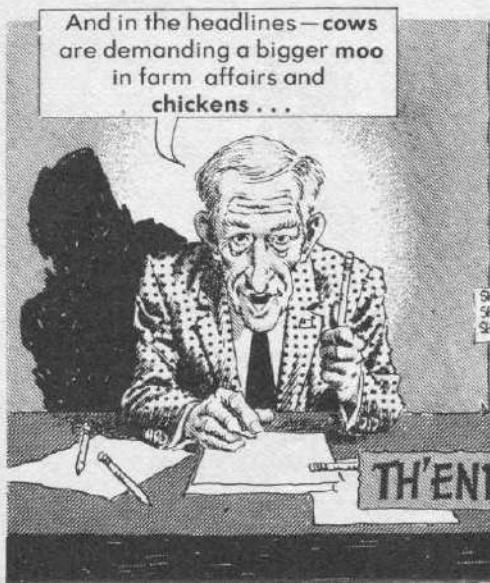
. . . as ABC shifts priorities and begins accenting songs, dance and comedy while playing down the news.

And in our last few minutes, we might mention that in the news, all the things listed on this sheet happened—can we get a close-up please.



Until eventually, an old reliable program would be called upon to take over for these failures.

And in the headlines—cows are demanding a bigger moo in farm affairs and chickens . . .



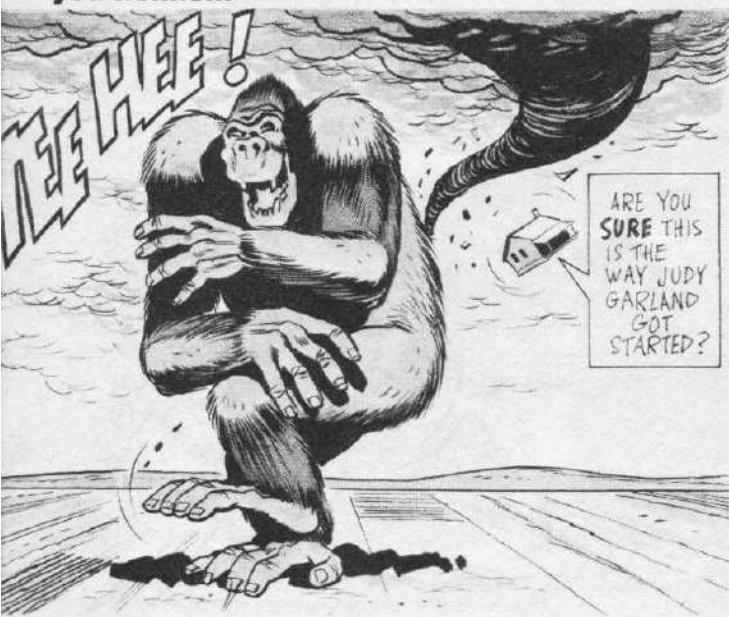
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You Know You're The Big

. . . if your idea of a king-sized bed is Yankee Stadium!



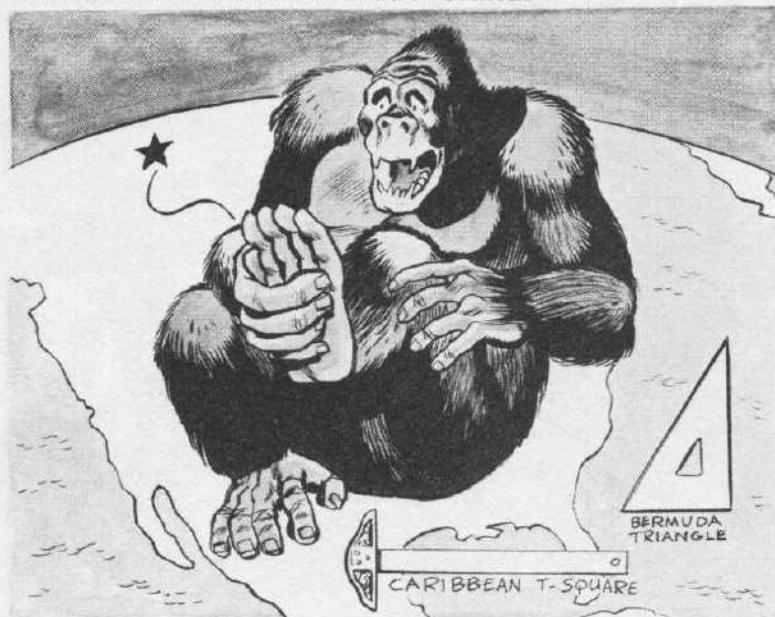
. . . if you avoid tornadoes because they make you ticklish!



. . . if your idea of an eating utensil is a steam shovel!



. . . if you get a splinter in your foot and it turns out to be the state of Rhode Island!



. . . if giant redwoods are your favorite brand of toothpicks!

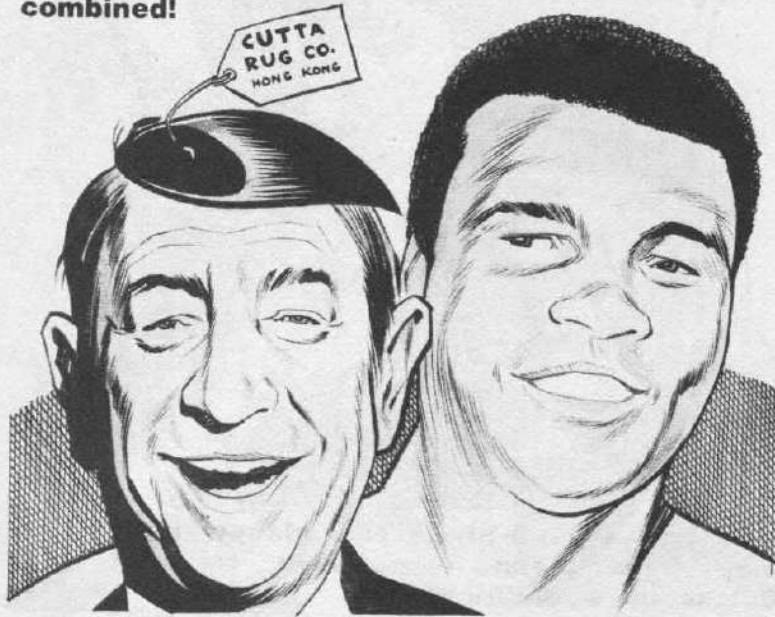


. . . if you've just straightened out the Leaning Tower of Pisa . . . and you're not even aware of it!

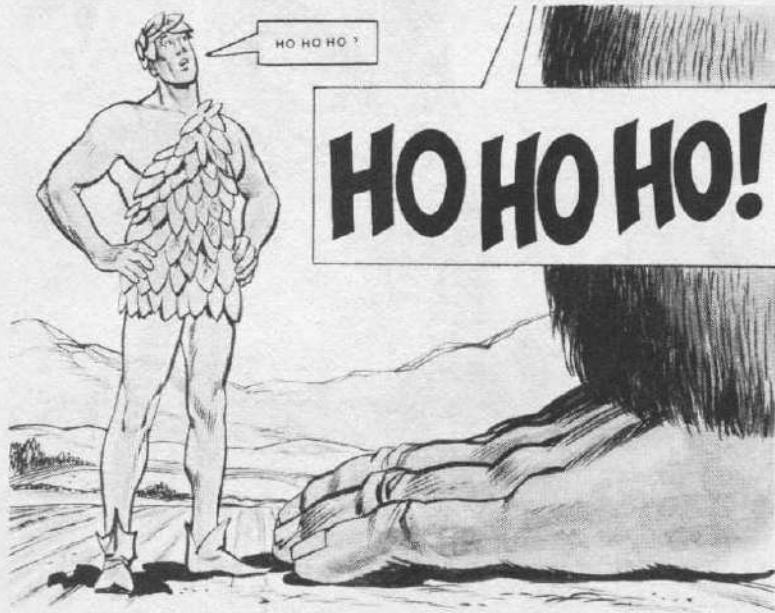


gest Thing Around If...

...if you have a mouth that's bigger than the mouths of Muhammad Ali and Howard Cosell combined!



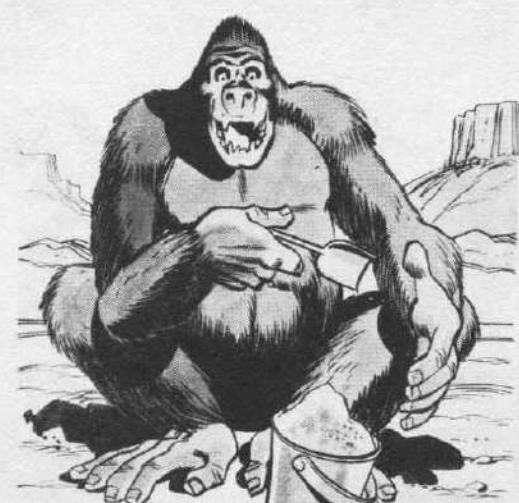
...if the Jolly Green Giant looks up to you!



...if you dig Yellowstone National Park because of its hot showers!



...if Death Valley is your idea of a nice sandbox!



...if you love Paris because of its wonderful slide!



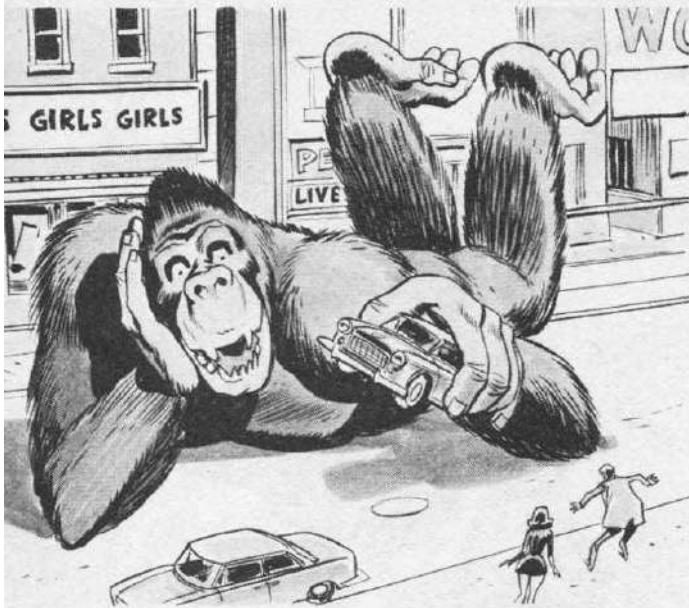
...if you think the best pillows are to be found in Egypt!



...if icebergs are your favorite brand of popsicles!



...if your idea of playing with blocks is playing with forty-second street and forty-third street . . . !



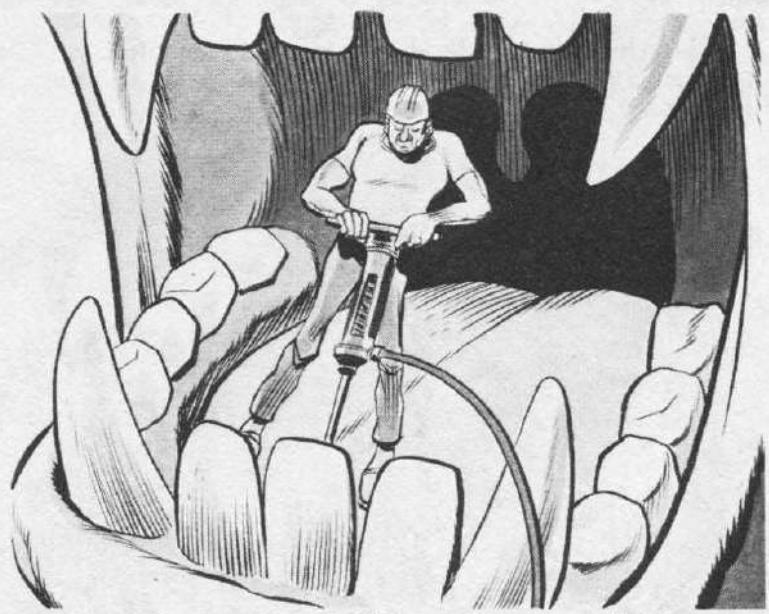
...if your favorite surfboard is an aircraft carrier!



...if you think windmills make nice fans!



... if your dentist has to know how to operate a jack hammer!



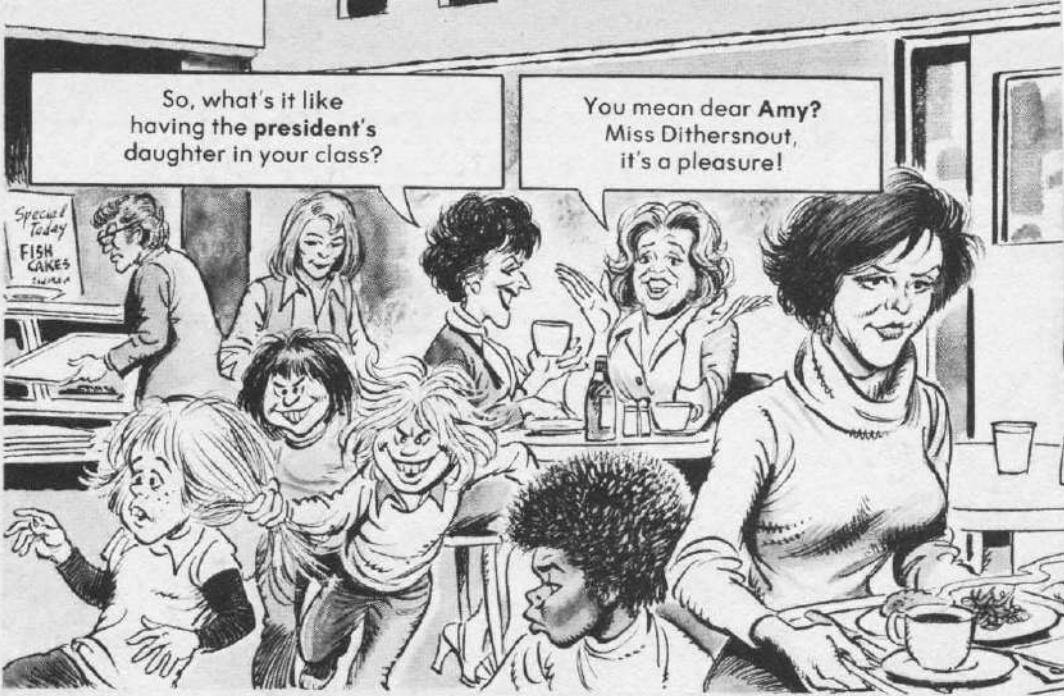
...if you've been afraid your sleepwalking may have been responsible for the Colosseum's condition!



...if you find yourself doing a lot of ducking around airports!



ONE DAY IN A WASHINGTON, D.C. SCHOOL



BEWARE THE COIN GRABBER!! Surely you've met him. He's any of the dozens of those fancy bell-ringing, buzzer-sounding arcade games that you find in shopping centers all across the country. For some, they provide **SECONDS** of fun for only a quarter, while for most they're nothing but . . . oh why tell you here when you can read about it now, as we take

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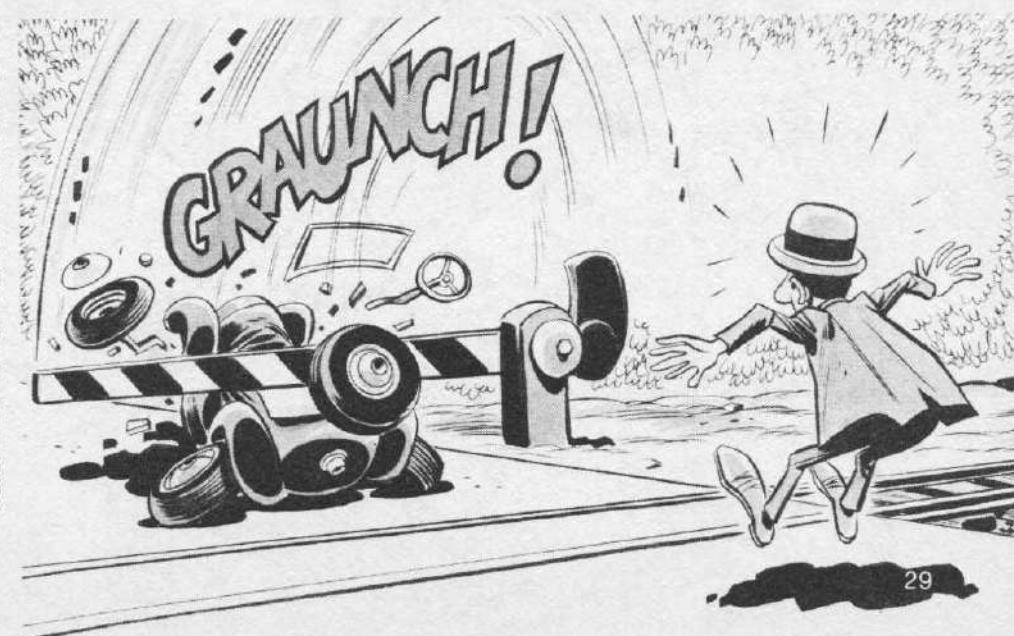
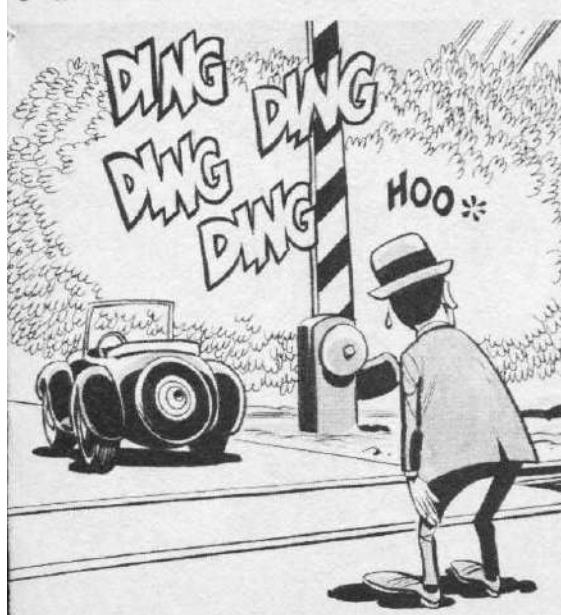
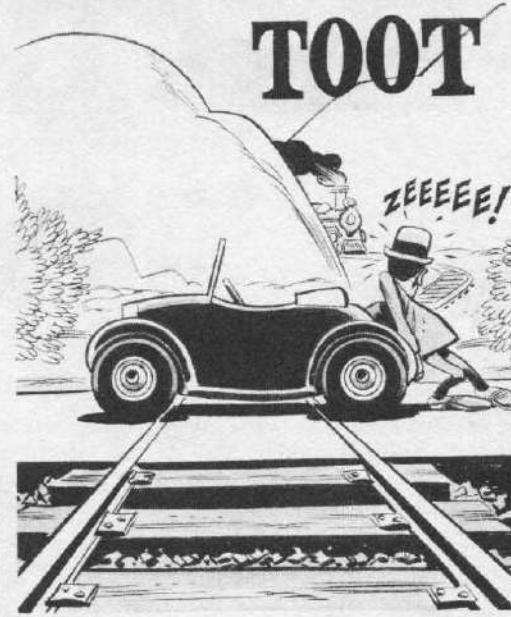
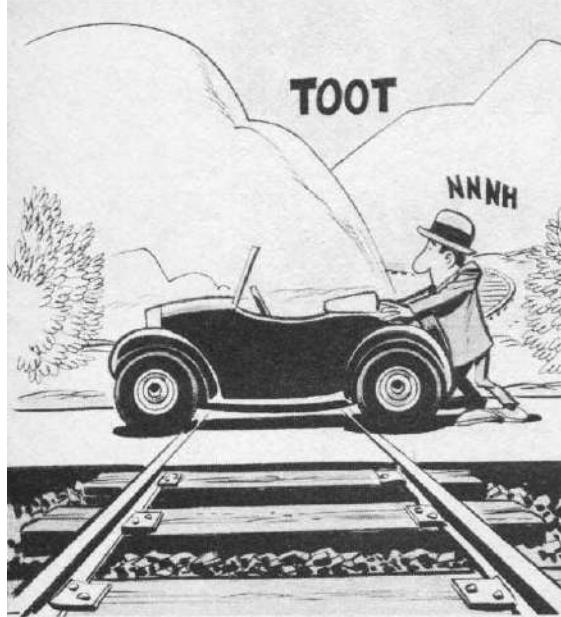
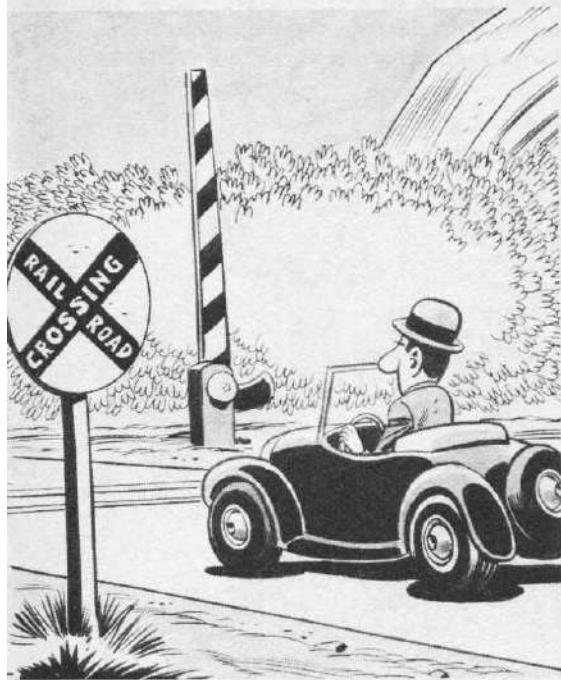
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ONE DAY AT A RAILROAD CROSSING



Today, in America, there's one thing soaring higher than birds and rockets—fuel costs! Utility companies seem to ask for (and are granted) rate increases practically every other month. Where once you could heat a home for the price of a log, it now costs hundreds of dollars. What's to be done?—Search us!—on second thought, don't search us; you're liable to find the silverware we stole from the restaurant we ate at last night. Instead, read this next article which contains tons of practical tips on

HOW TO RUN YOUR HOME USING NO ELECTRICAL POWER

BATHROOM:

Razor: for those who still want the thrill of an electric and yet the closeness of a blade, blades are merely inserted into the head of an ordinary razor. A regular shaving stroke is used to cut the beard. To give the electric sound and vibrating feeling, four bees are trapped inside the casing.

Non-electric toothbrush: Toothbrush is screwed to wall. To operate, person presses teeth against brush and quickly moves head up and down and back and forth. Teeth become clean and user never touches brush.

Hair Blower: Air is produced by user turning crank to operate whirling blades housed in front opening.

Light: is produced by two flashlights dangling from mirror by string.



DINING ROOM:

Non-electric Knife: To operate, user must first swallow one (1) "Jitter Pill" five minutes before using knife. Once the shakes set in, person picks up standard knife. The "Jitter Pill" shake will cause held knife to move back and forth yielding smooth, even cuts in roasts and turkeys.

Lighting: Two battery operated lanterns are hung from the ceiling.

Radio: To produce electricity for the radio, people at the table merely pump the pedals that are situated around the table legs. The pumping action cranks up the generator which in turn powers the radio.

Air Conditioning: A friendly dog is seated near those to be air conditioned. A fan is tied to his tail.

To start the air circulating, merely pat the dog on the head, his tail will wag and the cool air will begin to flow.



LIVING ROOM:

Lighting: Illumination is provided by candles placed around the room.

T.V.: This device is operated by a generator hooked up to a stationary bicycle. User merely pumps the pedals. This method of T.V. viewing prevents user from getting fat from just sitting around and also edits out commercials — person merely ceases pumping during these intervals.

Vacuum Cleaner: To operate the non-electric model, an inflated balloon is aimed at the suspected dirt. The air is then slowly let out, thereby forcing the dirt to be blown into the vacuum bag catcher. When the balloon is empty, user merely pumps the bellows connected to the other end of the balloon, filling it and making it ready for use once again.

Non-electric iron: Clothes are placed flat on board which is below a one-ton weight. To operate, a rope connected to the weight is swiftly lowered thereby forcing all the wrinkles out of the garment.

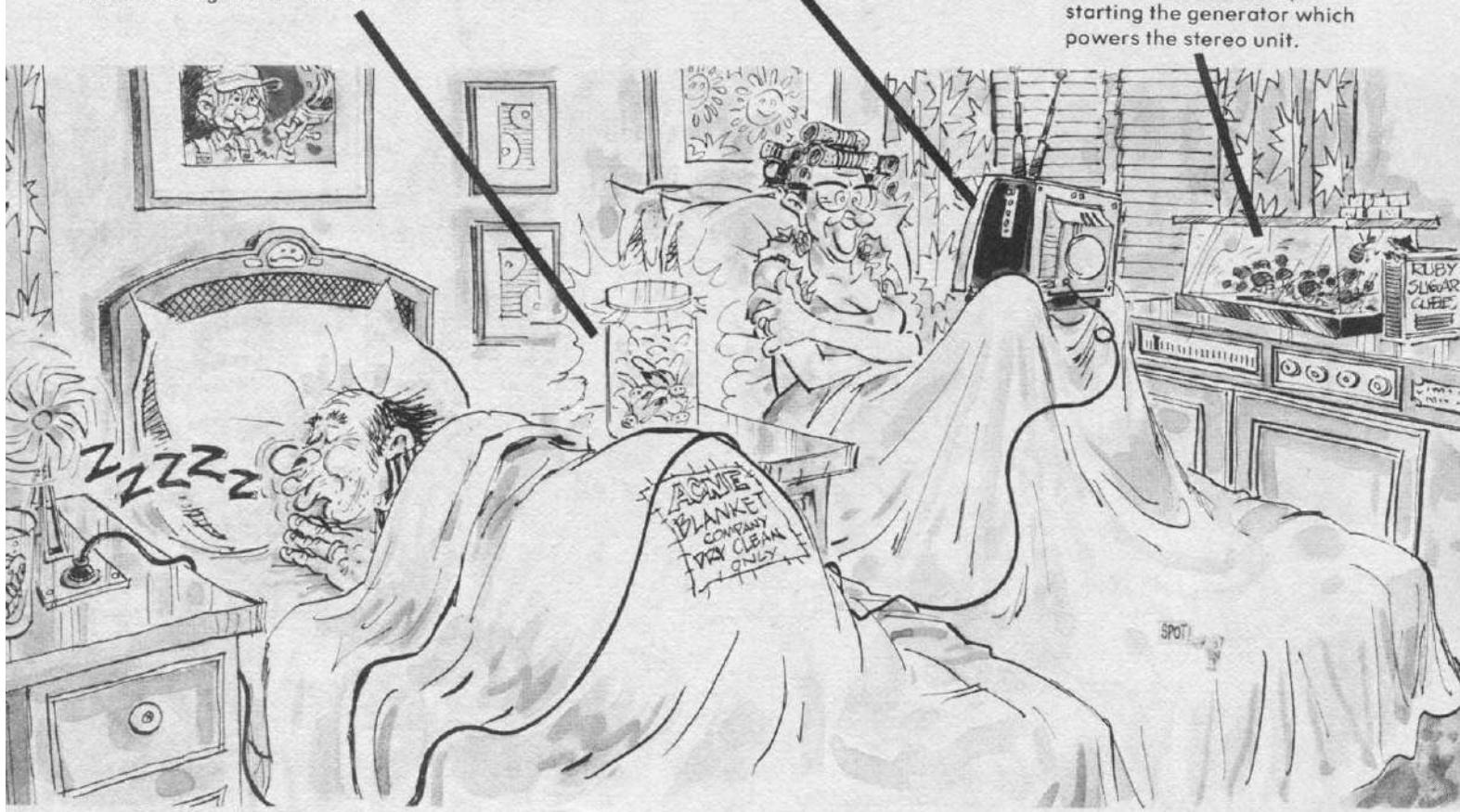


BEDROOM:

Night Light: Jar of fireflies on night table. By the time you're asleep, they will be too and the light will be out.

Portable T.V.: When one person wants to sleep and another wants to watch T.V., the portable bedroom model should be used. A tiny windmill (A) is set up next to sleeping person. As air rushes from snoring person's nostrils (B), the windmill is turning providing energy for generator (C) which in turn operates the T.V.

Stereo: Connected to the unit is a small box housing a treadmill and thousands of ants. At the top of the tread are four lumps of sugar. When the ants run to get the confectionary delight, the tread is moved thereby starting the generator which powers the stereo unit.



KITCHEN:

Freezer: For freezing items, merely tie the items to strings and hang them out the windows where the winter temperatures will take over. However, make sure you use all of the frozen items by April before the spring thaw sets in.

Refrigerator: In the summer, blocks of ice placed in the refrigerator will keep liquids and fruits cool.

Electric Mixer: A unicycle is set up on a stand, however, in place of the wheel, two beaters are placed. To operate, the user merely pumps the pedals, which in turn rotate the two beaters.

Dishwasher: Non-electric model holds plate with right hand while rubbing with left one.

Range: An old-fashioned pot belly stove will do the trick here. It also provides heat, can act as a toaster and doubles as a garbage disposal—merely throw all of your garbage into front of the stove.



As the snow begins to fall on the ground, a new sport usually gets underway for many people—right!—shoveling. But, besides shoveling, there's another that involves Knicks, Cel-tics, Lakers and '76er's. It's a sport that many enjoy watching and that soon even more will be able to participate in, once they've read

The CRACKED Guide To BASKETBALL

I. HISTORY—Basketball is the only major sport to have its origins in America.

The game was invented in 1891 when James Naysmith hung two peach baskets up in his school.

Game? I was hanging these baskets here so you fellows couldn't steal any more peaches from the cafeteria.

Gee, Mr. Naysmith, what a great idea for a game.

It was then suggested that something be tossed into the baskets.

Finally, Naysmith came up with the idea of a ball. But still, another problem had to be overcome.

I bet this game would be a heck of a lot better if we took the peaches out of the basket.

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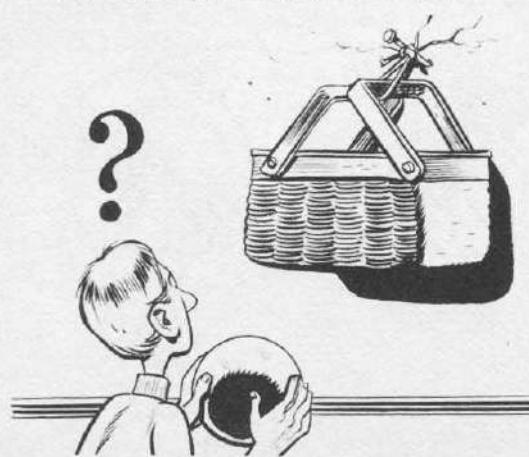


Once the rules were established, Naysmith then divided his students into two teams.

As the game caught on, subtle changes were experimented with—like what type of basket to use...



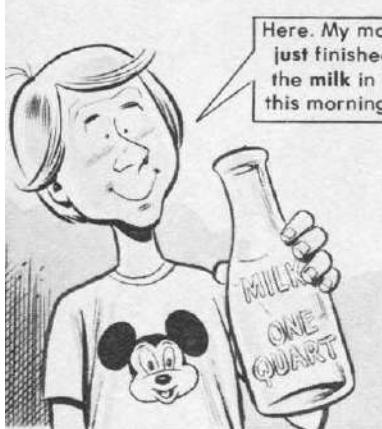
...and the size of the ball.



But finally the minor details were ironed out and basketball became a leading American pastime.

II. EQUIPMENT—To play this fast and exciting game, certain things are necessary.

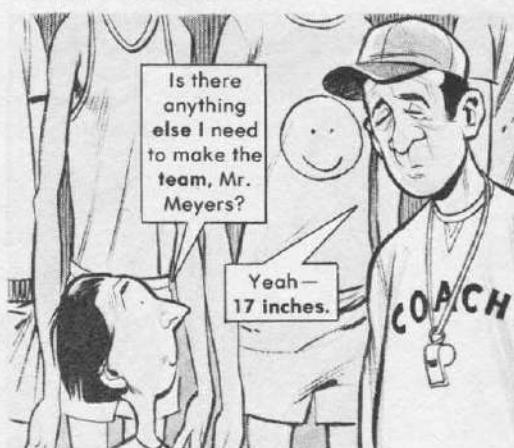
First, you will need an empty court.



Plus a basket and something to attach it to.



And finally, you'll need a T-shirt, shorts, sneakers and...



III. SKILLS—As in any sport, there are a number of skills that should be practiced in order to make you a better player.

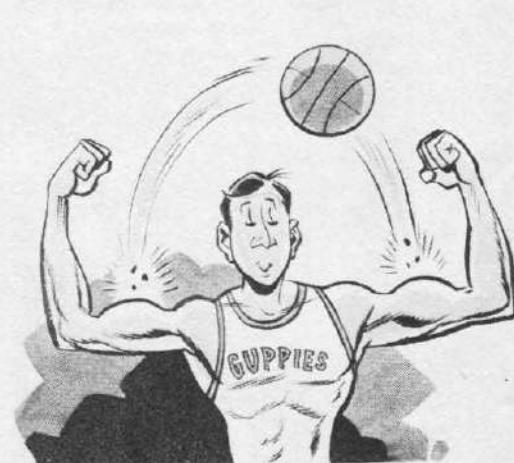
Foremost, you have to be a good dribbler.



You should also learn to pinpoint your passes.



Ball-handling should also be practiced.



As well as jumping for rebounds...



...and driving towards the basket.



IV. BEGINNING PLAY—Now that you have some of the skills down, let's get into the rules of the game.

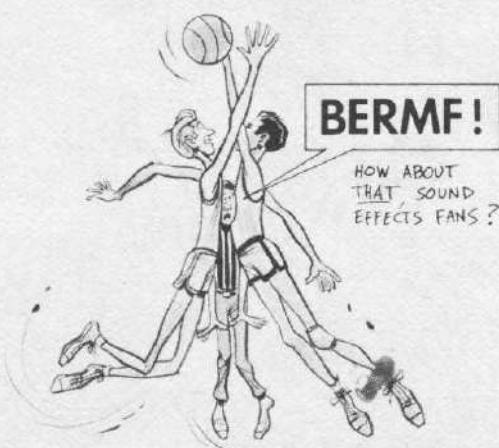
At the start of play, the visiting team has a choice of baskets.

NO! NO!
Take the
red one!

It goes so
much better
with our
uniforms.



The referee, standing between the two centers then tosses the ball up for the jump.



During the jump, notice the hand action by the centers to get possession of the ball...

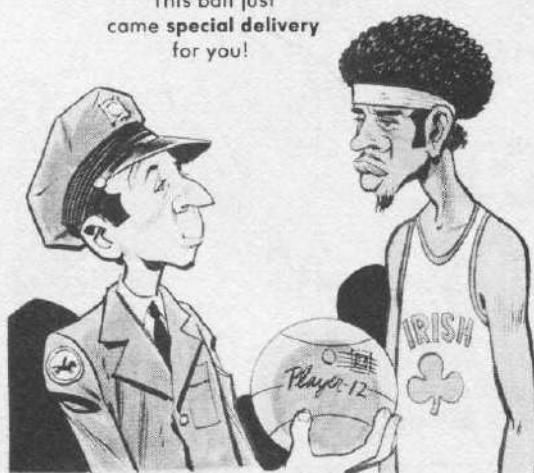


...as well as the positions of the other players eager to retrieve it.



The team in possession of the ball then tries to deliver it down the court as quickly as possible.

Are you player #12?
This ball just
came special delivery
for you!



Any player within scoring range may then shoot at the basket.



If he gets the ball in, he receives two points.

And if he misses...



Should he miss, anyone can go after the rebound; thus the opposition will try anything to keep the ball from dropping in.



V. FOULS—During the course of the game, the action can be stopped at any point when the referee spots certain violations called fouls.

There are personal fouls such as holding ...



... pushing ...



... and tripping.



And then there are fouls for traveling ...



... entering the court illegally ...

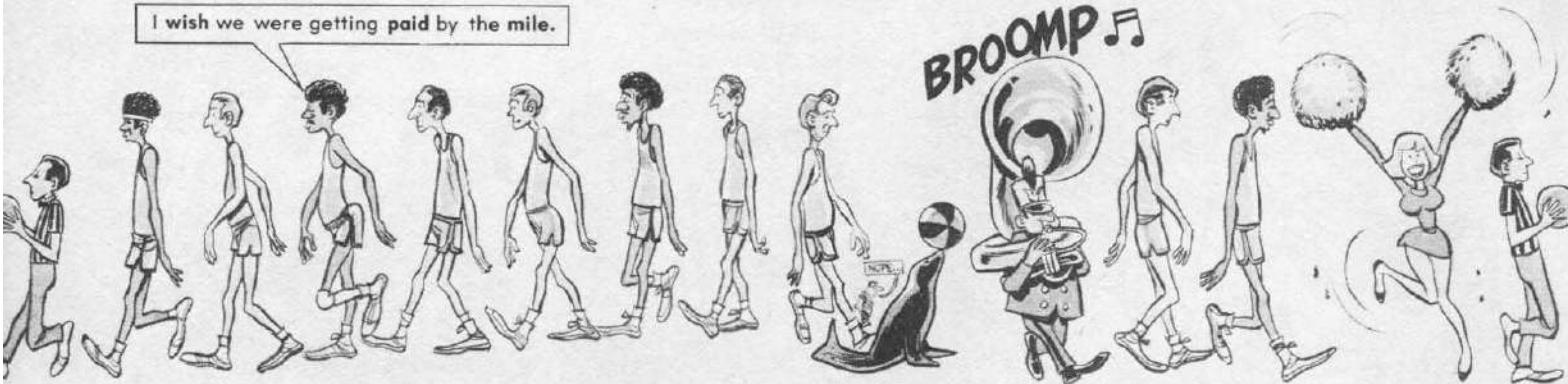


... and technical fouls like unsportsmanlike conduct.



When a foul is called, the game is stopped and everyone is marched over to the appropriate foul line.

In a game with many fouls, to hold a spectator's attention, these "marches" are usually beefed up to look more interesting.



The person fouled is then entitled to one or two free throws with no interference—and all eyes are fixed upon him.

Stop it! I
can't do this
with all of
you staring
at me!



VI. TYPES OF SHOTS—Accurate shooting is the name of the game—(actually, the name of the game is basketball, but to make this section more colorful we . . . ah, skip it!) Typical shots include:

The Bounce Shot



The Two-Man Shot



And the Cannonball Shot.

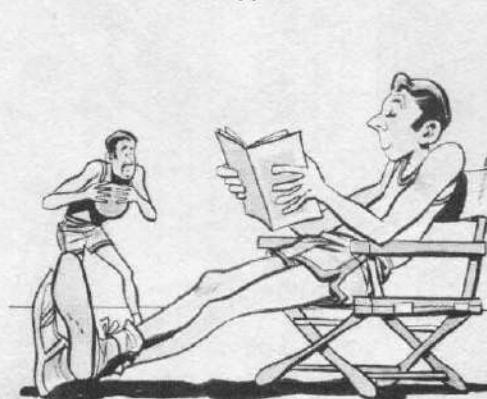


VII. PASSING—It is often asked, "Who should I pass the ball to and who shouldn't I?"

Never pass to a man who appears to be guarded.



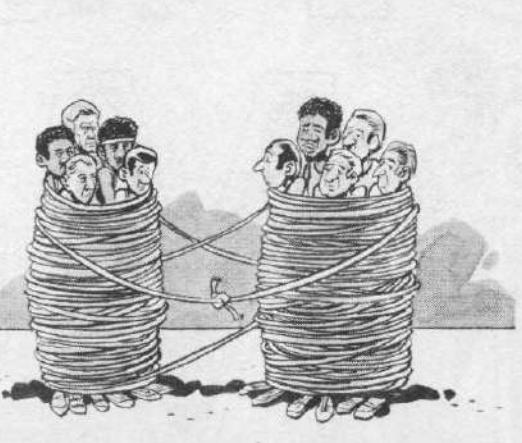
Pass to a man who appears to be free.



But the safest rule is always pass it to the most obvious man.



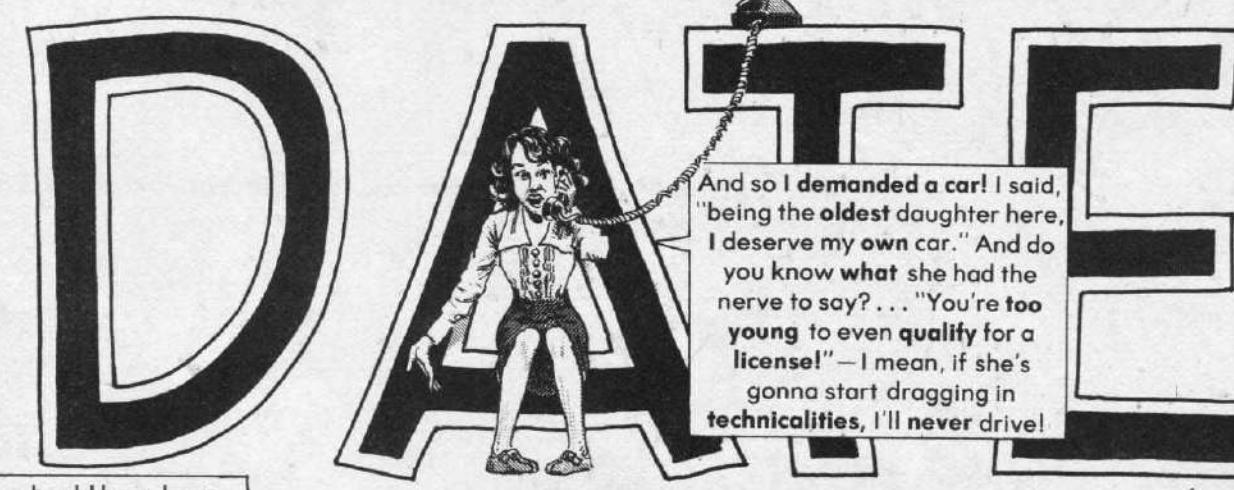
Below, you see two teams that are all tied up at the end of the game.



A tie means that the game must be played until (A) one team wins or



And there you have it sports fans. Now it's time for you to get out there and play rugby better than anyone else (cause you sure won't be able to play basketball after reading this!).



You should have been there, Marshal! She came in three o'clock in the morning! Boy, did she get yelled at ... of course! ... If we didn't put a curfew on Mom, we'd never see her!

SEVERN

Work! Work! That's all you do when you're that super, super, Drain Schnighter. You think it's easy being a pest? You think it's easy BURSTING in on people? — It takes time — time to make all them sets of keys as people keep changing their locks on you.



Hi, Barbar. How was school today?

Disaster! It was like being on the Titanic—or Flying on the Hindenburg—or being trampled on by an overweight Armenian—or being first in line for tickets to a Kate Smith concert! Disaster!

Well, as long as nothing bad happened.



So, what's the big problem?

It's the Sadie Hawkins Dance. I haven't got a date!

Here!



Thanks, wise guy! The dance is tomorrow and not one boy has asked me yet!

Ah, Barbar. I hate to break this to you, but at a Sadie Hawkins Dance, the girl is supposed to ask the boy!

You're kidding!—my gosh!—well, that's it! I'm just gonna have to end it all!—Ma, let me have a piece of your cake.

HAVE YOU STARTED YOUR COLLECTION OF 1976 BI-CENTENNIAL LICENSE PLATES YET?



Foolish child! All she ever thinks about are boys. There are things in life more important!

Like men!

Like what?

I'm tired of immature boys, so I've decided to go out with Mr. Dumpshot!

71½

OLD MAN
Dump-
shot!
He's
72!

Oh, in that case ...



And to show him my love, I got him this pipe!

Pipe! Did somebody say pipe? Drain Schnighter can fix any pipe!

Schnighter! Don't you believe in knocking?!

And risk bruising these beautiful knuckles!

NOTHING'S IMPOSSIBLE SOMEDAY SOMEONE WILL DESIGN A COVER YOU CAN TELL A BOOK BY!!

Schnighter, will you please go!

You're very unfriendly, Mrs. Parmesan. There are some people who just love it when company drops in.

And there are others who love it when that same company leaves—if you don't mind.

How ya doin'?

Mark, Bob, Jim, The Mormon Tabernacle Choir, The Jets, Herb, Pete and Farley are all taken—but there is a chance Farley's Parakeet'll be free!

I'll get it.

I said, I'll get it. It could be a date for my Sadie Hawkins Dance.

WHAT HATH GOD WROUGHT?

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* YOU CAN SAY!!! THAT AGAIN ...

Yeah, but it could be Mr. Dumpshot!

Hello!...
Yes?... Oh!...
It's for you,
Mom.

MOM!

You keep
forgetting girls
— datewise, I'm
in the running too!

I think I'm
gonna end it
all right now and
stick my head in
the oven!

Schnighter! What are **you** doing in there?

A super should **always** be
within **earshot** of his **tenants**
in case anything goes wrong.

Then how come it took
Mr. Townsand **6 months**
to get his **lights fixed**?

I said he should be within earshot—I didn't
mention anything about actual repairing!

Well, girls—I've got a **date** for tomorrow night.

Does he have a
younger friend?

Or a cute sister?

Forget it, honey—
it's electric.

DING A LING*

YOU DID... YOU DID!
YOU SAID IT AGAIN!

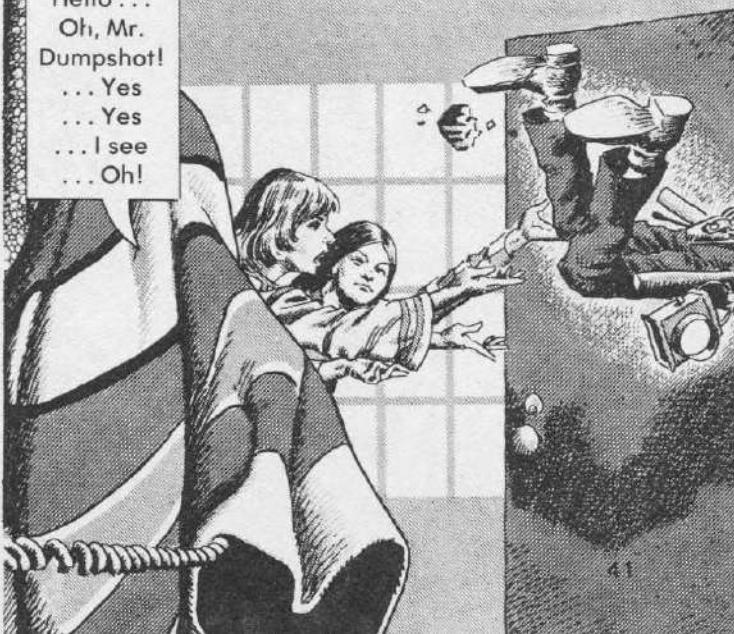
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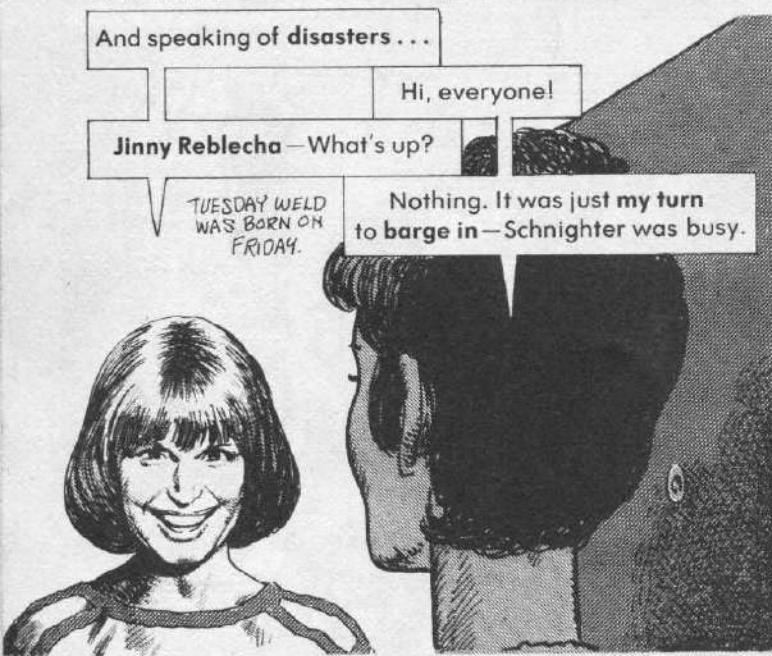
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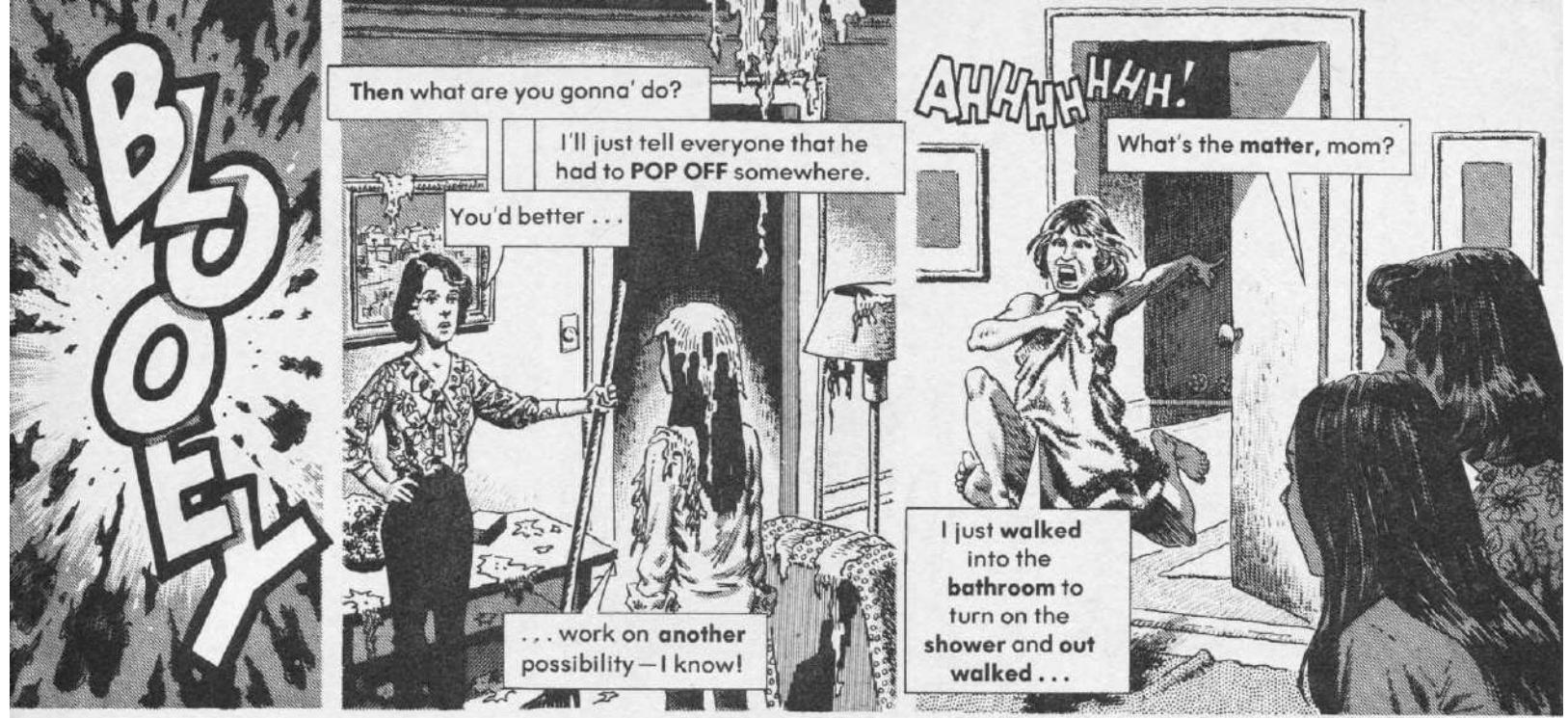
Schnighter,
get **out** of here!

But, Mrs.
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Hello...
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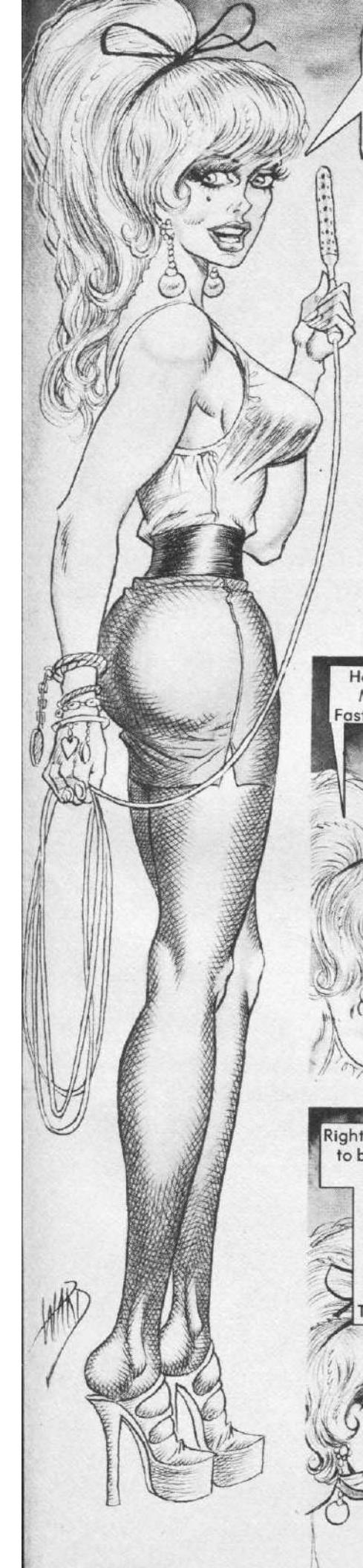






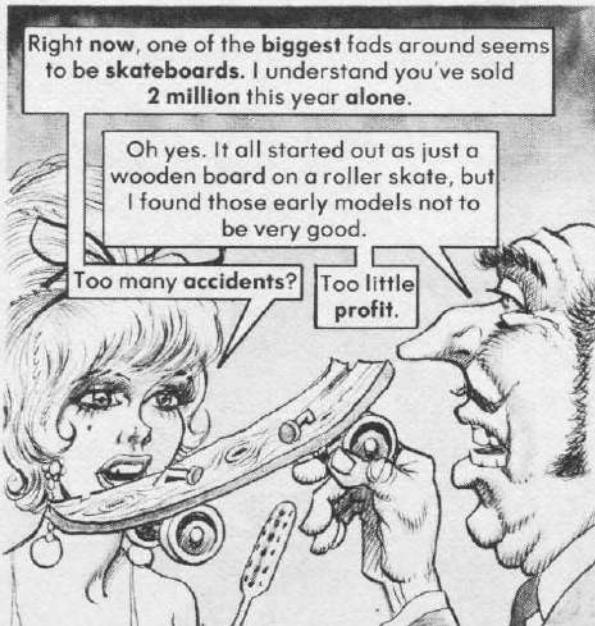
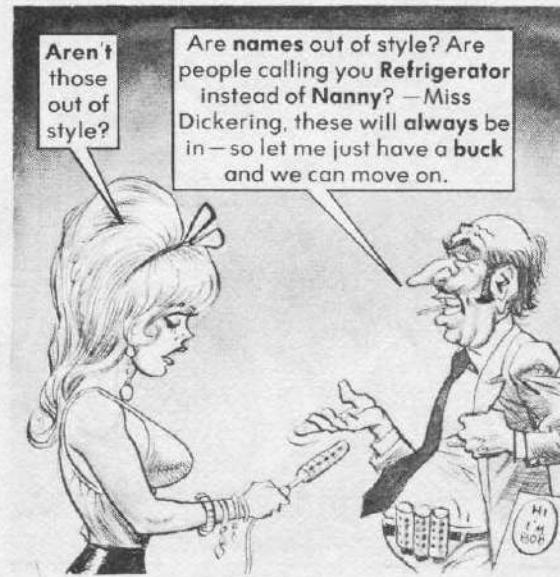
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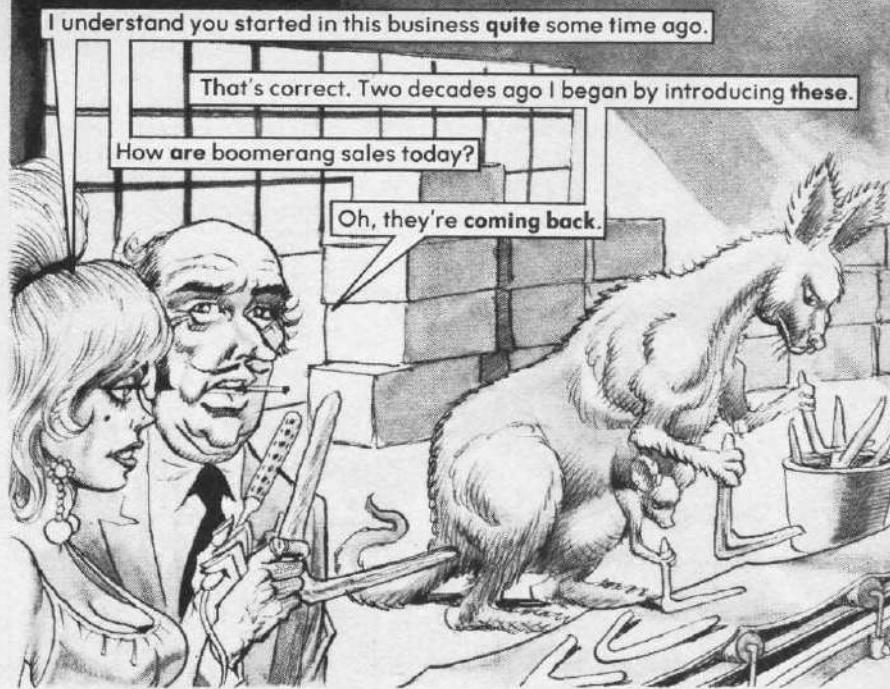




Greetings, America! This is Nanny Dickering again for CRACKED Magazine and, each year, there is at least one or two big items that sell like wildfire in the U.S.—items that catch on quickly and then die right out. Well, today I'm with the one man who has created and capitalized on more of these quickies than anyone else. He's none other than Mr. Freddie Fastbuck, who you'll be meeting in just one moment when

CRACKED INTERVIEWS THE FAD KING





Do you think Kung is gonna wear the same fur everyday?

What are your biggest selling fad items at the moment?

Well, as of today, they include the Invisible Dog . . .



I bet you were sorry you didn't originate the big fad of '75—the pet rock!

Sort of. But I made up for it.

How?

DON'T TAKE PET ROCKS FOR GRANITE

I invented Pet Rock food.

Food?

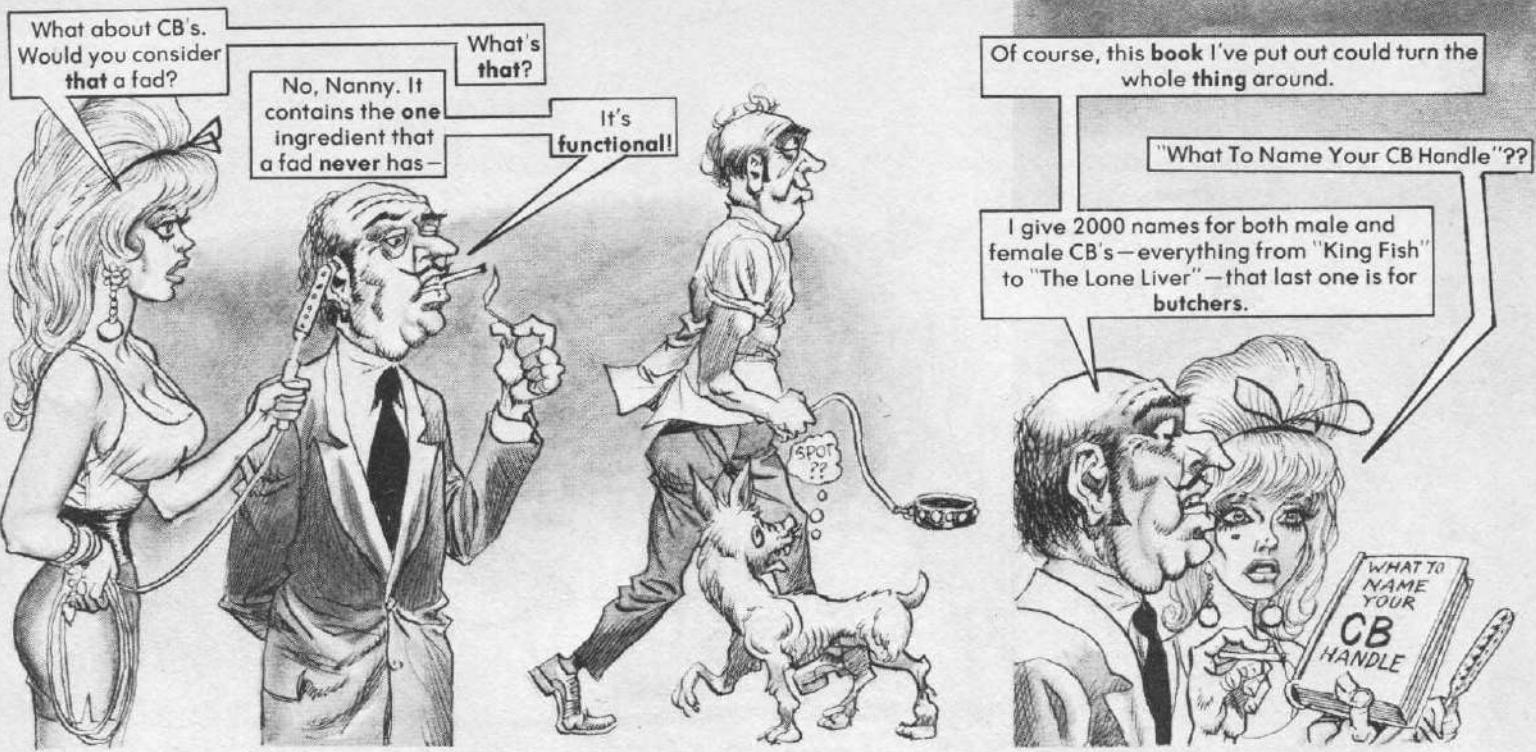
Yes, food! . . . you want a guy's \$5 rock to die of starvation?!!

Let me see that—why, this can is empty!

Of course it's empty. Anything of more sustenance and your rock'll choke! They haven't got any teeth, remember?

Now open wide.





I know. Manufacturers who were overstocked were putting hooks on them and trying to sell them as earrings.

But I saved mine and today sales are ...

Don't tell me! I bet they're coming around again.

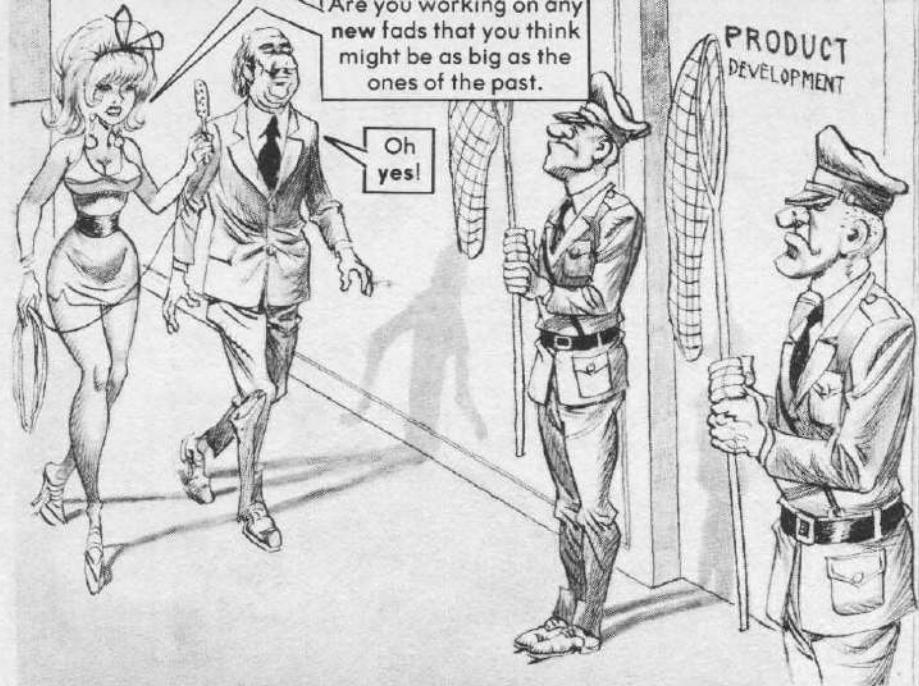
How'd you like to quit this CRACKED gig and write jokes for me full time?

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Are you working on any new fads that you think might be as big as the ones of the past?

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But this is what the next big fad will be—plant clothes!

Good gravy!

Here! Look at this! A sweater for a rubber tree plant—only \$10.99.

Have you thought about how dumb plant clothes are?

Yup—and that's when I realized, Nanny, what a really big fad this is going to be! Don't you just love it??

And this is Nanny Dickering signing off.

Wait! Not yet! You haven't shown your readers my turtleneck sweater for a snake plant!!!



SHUT-UPS

Yes,
Another
CRACKED
Secret
Message

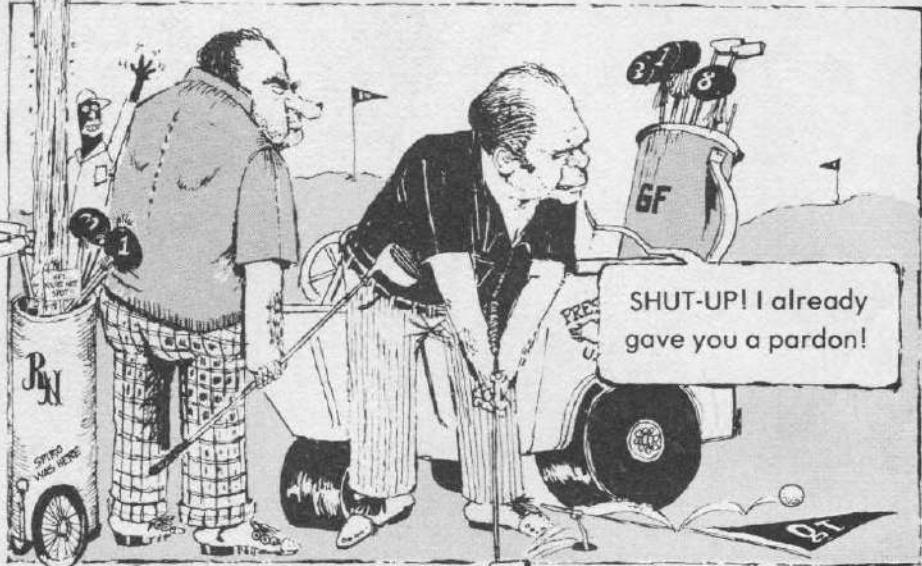
HOLD AT
RIGHT ANGLE
TO MIRROR

IN PEANUTS!
ABOUT BEING PAID OFF
TO STOP COMPLAINING
PRESDIENT CARTER WANTS IT THAT WAY

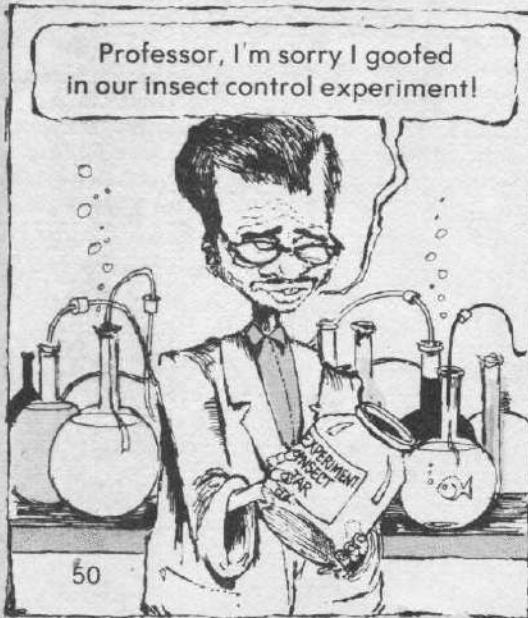
Tell the star to put his
footprints here!



Sir, I beg your pardon!



Professor, I'm sorry I goofed
in our insect control experiment!



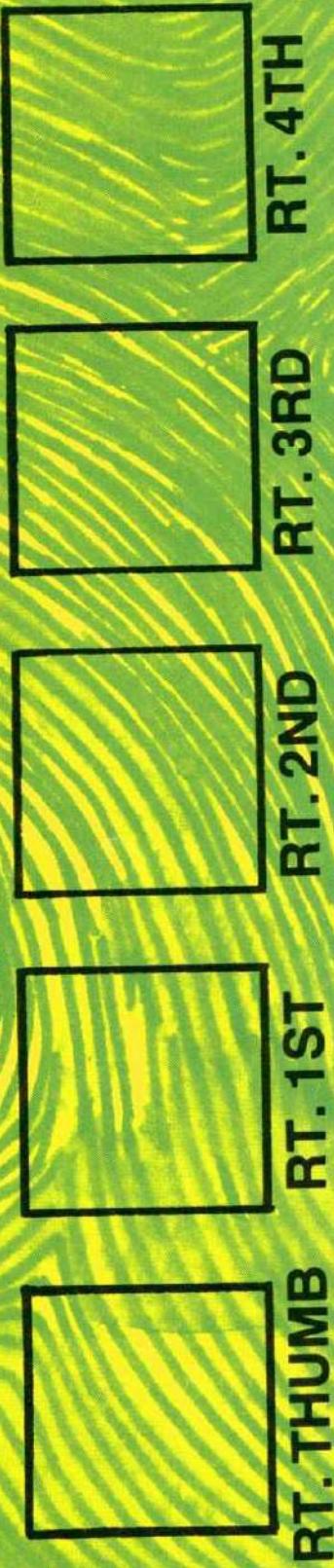
K. KONG
ALIAS: "SIR"; "SHORTY"; "MONK"; "MR. K."

FOR THE CRIMES OF:
JAYWALKING; PUBLIC NUISANCE; DESTRUCTION OF
PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROPERTY; LITTERING; MONKEYING AROUND.

DESCRIPTION

HEIGHT: 40 ft. 2 in. WEIGHT: 12,483 lbs. EYES: MEAN HAIR: ALL OVER
DISTINCTIVE FEATURES: JET PLANE IN LEFT EAR.
LAST KNOWN ADDRESSES: SKULL ISLAND; EMPIRE STATE
BUILDING, N.Y.C.; TWIN TOWERS, N.Y.C.

FINGER PRINTS



DANGEROUS!
USE EXTREME CAUTION IN ATTEMPT TO APPREHEND.
BRING REALLY BIG HANDCUFFS.

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